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College.

Another summer gone, another school year has arrived. Whether you're a young freshman or a super senior, you're here.

You've heard it before; this is supposed to be the time of your life. Your parents sent—or shoved—you off with hopes of helping you succeed in life. Despite what they want you to believe, college isn't just about getting the skills necessary to have a successful career.

College is about a lot.

If you ask random people what college is each person will give you a different answer. And only half of them will sound cliché.

College is about independence.

Not only do get to live on your own, but you also get to make your own choices and decisions every day. There are no parents watching over your shoulder anymore. This newfound freedom can be terrifying, as well as, liberating.

College is about challenges.

Being on your own at college can provide so many challenges from dishwasher malfunctions to parking competitions, even having to accept growing up. These challenges may seem to come at the worst possible times, and sometimes they do, but every challenge adds its own chapter to the story of your life.

College is about friendship. Along with gaining experience,

college is the perfect environment to find life-long friendships. Some of your friendships will be forged through common interests, some will come out of necessity—like the need to pass statistics class. No matter background or history, friends will make the bad times better and the good times great.

College is about finding yourself.

Finding a good set of friends can change your college experience; finding out about yourself can change your life. The four or more years at college will provide so many opportunities and obstacles that, chances are, at the end you won't be the same person that wrote the

application essay. When you walk across the stage on graduation day, you'll have a better idea of what you like and don't like, even if you have no clue where you're heading or what you'll end up doing.

Throughout this upcoming year, stop and think about what you've learned and experienced here at GCSU. Figure out what college is to you. And if you feel inclined, let us know. Bet you'll be surprised how much can happen in a year. We always are.

Good luck and have a wonderful, fulfilling year.

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NEWS FLASH

GCSU is "A Best in the Southeast."

The Princeton Review named GCSU one of the 133 institutions in its "A Best in the Southeast" list. The list position is based off of opinions as well as data from the college. Students survey opinions are also taken into consideration. This is the fourth year in a row that GCSU has made the list. Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia were the only other Georgia universities to make the list.

QUOTABLE

"I hope everyone can hang on long enough to see (the downtown construction) through."

-Bill Massey, downtown business owner

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NUMBER CRUNCH

\$200 million

The impact GCSU has on the local economy during fiscal year 2009. The study was done by Selig Center for Economic Growth in the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business

Source: info.gcsu.edu



Contractors prepare to pour concrete for the new sidewalk on Wayne Street. The concrete on this section of the street is expected to be poured next week. Phase Two of the Streetscape project is expected to be completed in time for this year's Deep Roots Festival.

Drake Simons / Senior Photographer

Wellness Center planning continues

Joanna Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The construction for the Wellness Center is close at hand. By mid-September, the groundbreaking will begin and the building will be underway. As for right now, the details of the project are being finalized as far as what additional items will go into the Center. Zach Mullins, student government president, has been working alongside Sandra Gangstead, dean of college of health sciences; Mark Bowen, facilities planning project manager; and Dave Terrell, director of wellness programs, to make all of these main decisions in relation to what would work best in the space and what is the most cost effective. Mullins said,

“They have been doing presentations, a sort of a planning committee, to help figure out all that we want to have in the Wellness Center. We have been working closely on plans with the rock wall which will be a focal point when you first walk in, so it is one of our main topics of discussion.”

A lot of hard work has been going into every decision made for the center. Bowen said,

“With the climbing wall we are in the process of interviewing climbing wall manufacturers. The wall will approximately be 20 feet wide and 25 feet high, so we are looking at the different design elements the manufacturers have to offer and which of them will work best for the space.”

The rock wall is one of many entertaining features that the Wellness Center plans to offer. Bowen said,

“We’ve been going through the normal process of design and there are a lot of things related to that. The wellness center does have the aquatic area with two pools, one is a competitive pool for swim meets and then there is a leisure pool. They will be used as recreational pools mainly and will have a lot of pool features that the students will enjoy like a zip line.”

This 100,000 square foot facility will also house a three-court gymnasium and a fully equipped exercise fitness area that will replace the Wellness Depot.

“Two of the courts will be used for basketball and the third is multipurpose for volleyball and badminton. Then the student health services will be relocated in the wellness center and the counseling area will also be relocated there,” Bowen said.

All of these decisions have been made with GCSU students in mind and have been building up to the creation of a very useful multi-purpose wellness center.

“We wanted to wait until the students were back for the fall to do the groundbreaking ceremony and I think they will certainly be pleased to see what we have come up with,” Bowen said.

Contradicting opinions emerge over Streetscape

Katelyn Hebert
Senior Reporter

Milledgeville Main Street has a long list of plans for the rest of the year including the completion of the downtown sidewalk construction known as Streetscape. The Department of Transportation along with engineer Mark Patrick and Milledgeville Main Street DDA, has high expectations for the project and expects its completion by the Deep Roots Festival October 23.

Belinda Washlesky, Executive Director of Milledgeville Main Street DDA, has high expectations for the project and expects its completion by the Deep Roots Festival October 23.

“We haven’t had any major ordeals,” Washlesky said. “We’ve been communicating so well with the property owners that we usually have met with them and have everything fixed

within a few hours.”

In 2004, Phase One of the Streetscape project was completed on Hancock Street and the current construction on Wayne Street is Phase Two. There is also a Phase Three in the works that would include Greene Street and another block of Hancock Street.

“In the past, after they did the Streetscape on Hancock, it was reported that the vacancy rate was drastically reduced,” Washlesky said. “It will help us fill the vacant spaces, I’m thinking that after Streetscape it will be much easier to lease the space out because it will have that fresh face about it. It was proven that it did that for Hancock so we’re hoping of a repeat of that.”

The plans for Phase Two are to make the portion of Wayne Street look like Hancock Street. They are replacing water lines, fire lines and electrical conduits and the sidewalk will be

concrete and brick with new streetlamps and planters.

There have been many different opinions on the construction downtown from local merchants. Located at 138 N. Wayne St., Metropolis Café manager Deepak Kumar had to close his restaurant the day the concrete was poured.

“It did slow the last month, especially at night, it’s pretty dark and nobody wants to come on this side of the town because there is no sidewalk and nobody wants to walk on an under construction road,” Kumar said.

Metropolis is located on the Northwest section of Wayne Street and the concrete has been poured and the bricks are being laid this week.

“I wish I could be more positive but it’s hard when this is your only means of support”

Susan Martino,
The Red Door owner

GCSU junior theater major Jared Powell agrees that the construction is affecting the downtown businesses.

“I think it’s stupid and unnecessary,” Powell said. “I feel like the construction is an inconvenience and a hazard at

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Smoking policy now underway

Aubrie Sofala
Staff Writer

GCSU has officially implemented the new campus smoking policy. The policy, which designates where smokers are allowed to smoke, went into effect August 1.

The smoking-ban was approved by the GCSU University Senate last November, but has been in the works

ever since. This new policy prohibits smoking anywhere on campus other than parking lots (with the exception of the lot outside Parks Hall) and areas specifically set aside for smoking.

“To create a healthier environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors, smoking is now only allowed in designated smoking areas,” said a press release sent out by

GCSU.

Junior early childhood education major Emmalyn Huddleston feels that the policy is a little extreme.

“I dont smoke but I dont care if other people do,” Huddleston said. “Thats their business, only parking lots seems a little extreme though!”

The areas that are designated for smoking are done so with indicating signs and

posters. The largest areas are near Kilpatrick and the surrounding areas of West Campus.

The new policy is part of GCSU’s ongoing campaign to promote a healthier and safer campus environment.

Junior Spanish major Tenay Carty supports the new policy.

“I agree with the policy. I know it’s somewhat infringing on the rights of those

who smoke but my health should be not be put on the line,” Carty said. “I cant tell you how many times I walk out of the library or a dorm and straight into a plume of cigarette smoke.”

Some smokers may find it an inconvenience, however, Carty thinks it will be beneficial to everyone on

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Aubrie Sofala / Staff Photographer

Signs have been posted around campus to remind the community of the newly designated smoking areas established by the new smoking policy.

GCSU students travel abroad

International Education Center allows students the chance to further enhance their world views

Submitted by Jason Wynn

Over the past five years, more than 1100 students have studied abroad in countries as diverse as Nigeria, France, Japan, Australia, Russia, Peru and The Bahamas. Studying abroad helps students to develop a new world view. It aids students in communications skills, and in many cases, can lead to second language acquisition and near fluency in another language.

Opportunities also exist for students to assist professors in overseas research. These programs as well as internships and research opportunities abroad are convenient as students can participate on Maymester, summer, semester or full-year programs. And students can use the scholarships overseen by the International Education Center, the Georgia HOPE Scholarship, and government funding available through Financial Aid on these overseas study ventures. Proficiency in a second language, study abroad, internships and overseas research experience can give graduates a

job market edge over other degree holders.

The International Option is another initiative that adds an international path to almost any major. Students need to take four internationally focused courses in specific areas, achieve competency in a foreign language, complete a semester abroad and include an international component in the senior capstone.

The International Education Center is working with departments to internationalize the majors, which means that many majors at GCSU are offering more internationally focused courses or including more international content in existing courses. As the world becomes more and more interconnected, it is important for students to become culturally sensitive and have an understanding of life, politics and cultures other than their own.

Casa Mondo is another part of the international experience at GCSU. Casa Mondo is a residential learning community where in

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SGA prepares for new year, new goals



Zach Mullins
President



Evan Karanovich
Vice president



Claire Cantrell
Secretary



Megan Moss
Treasurer



Adrian Drepaul
Attorney General

SUBMITTED BY
MEG HARTH

The newly elected Student Government Association executives took office May 15 with superb intentions for GCSU campus life.

“We all work really well together,” said SGA President Zach Mullins. “I have the utmost respect for the entire staff and I know it is going to be a great year.”

Mullins served as SGA president during the 2009-10 school year and his experience has paved the way for a smooth transition. Executive staff is no news to Mullins as he previously served as the SGA treasurer after a term as senator. As a senior business management major, Mullins has participated as an active member of the Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity.

Junior political science major Evan Karanovich has served as an SGA senator for the past two years, and is going to serve as the 2010-11 SGA vice president. As a volunteer firefighter, student ambassador and S.N.A.P. officer, Evan has been a prominent member of the Milledgeville and GCSU community.

“I’m looking forward to working with new senators to bring new legislation and policy to the table that will make Georgia College even better,” Karanovich said. “Senate is the bread and butter of SGA and it’s important to do what we

can to improve the efficiency at which we operate. We are here to serve and that’s what we’ll do.”

SGA Secretary Claire Cantrell has worked with Karanovich in the SGA Senate the past year as well as within the Greek community. Cantrell has prepared plans to ensure that all SGA information is promptly available to the GCSU community through simple means of communication.

The student body chose junior Megan Moss to serve as SGA treasurer for the upcoming school year. As an emerging leader of GCSU, Moss’ elected position was well deserved. Moss has been recognized by GCSU President Dorothy Leland for her outstanding amount of service within the community.

“I want to make SGA funding known and accessible to all students,” Moss said. “I want to help with whatever they want us to do because that is why we’re here.”

The new attorney general, Adrian Drepaul, has an abundance of political experience not only with the school but with local and federal government as well. Drepaul has interned for Congressman Jim Marshall and has led the Roy Barnes campaign in Milledgeville.

Drepaul has intentions to maintain law and order through educational resources and further incorporate the Judicial Branch’s presence in SGA.

SUBMITTED BY MEG HARTH

The GCSU Student Government Association is preparing for a busy semester in order to enhance student life and campus environments. In its 75th year they hope to close the communication gap with the student body as well as establish long-lasting campus improvements.

The executive board has been working diligently all summer with intentions to install new ideas as soon as possible. After listening to student concerns, the board has directed its focus toward top priority projects.

“Every concern is important to us,” said SGA President Zach Mullins. “We will certainly handle every issue to the best of our ability.”

The board’s agenda has always included the campus’ safety and environmental issues. Such issues are expected to be dealt with immediately.

“We continue to work with our facilities department to offer recycling on campus and such services have been included in our trash removal contract,” Mullins said.

In addition to campus recycling, the board has made plans to repaint the Greene Street crosswalks to provide safety in front of the residence halls.

Campus life improvements have been another topic at hand. SGA has been working hard to create a lounge that will bring the student body together.

The new Den will include five gaming consoles, two massage chairs, two pool tables, two ping pong tables, four state of the art Mac computers, an air hockey table, a projection screen with Dolby digital surround sound, eight 42 inch flat-screen TVs and an audio system throughout the space. The renovations are expected to be completed by Sept. 1, 2010.

SGA has accepted student input throughout the entire developmental process of the Wellness Center and will continue to recognize input and leadership for the design and construction.

Due to the fact that the center is completely funded by student fees, student input is very valuable to the process.

“The new facility would drastically increase the amount of wellness and recreation facilities available on campus, allow for a greater variety in indoor intramural activities and accommodate the growth of current activities,” Mullins said. “It will provide state of the art work out areas, provide for more effective and efficient areas to deliver Student Health Services, the Student Wellness Program, and the Counseling Center, as well as provide students with an amazing new indoor aquatics center.”

The groundbreaking ceremony is set to occur in mid-September.

While the Wellness Center is considered to be the future of campus because of its landlocked position in a historic setting, it is not the only new addition to our campus history and tradition. SGA has made plans to construct a bell tower in order to reincarnate past traditions.

“We just found this old navy bell in the basement of Beeson Hall,” Mullins said, “and I decided to get this project going to construct a bell tower.”

The tower has been set to be constructed outside the Centennial Center.

Many students have claimed GCSU lacks concrete tradition. SGA has been working to build tangible traditions and move toward embracing the school’s history. By doing so, the students will be able to gain a greater sense of pride for GCSU.

As Greek life has reached a record

high of 20 to 25 percent of the student body, SGA has developed plans to accommodate the students’ needs. Such orders of business include a new Greek life office to provide more meeting space for Greeks as well as establish Greek pride at GCSU. The board continues to work on its goal to identify fraternity and sorority houses with Greek letters. SGA has been in collaboration with the Historic Reservation Commission to make this possible.

Another large form of school spirit comes from GCSU Athletics. SGA is proud to announce they will be the new home of the mascot, Thunder. Mullins has appointed sophomore Lauren Mills to serve as Thunder’s agent for the upcoming year.

School spirit has also risen from SGA’s implementation of tailgating this past year. Homecoming was a huge success, and the board has great ideas to expand the process. They are in the process of selecting approved games and events for tailgating that will further identify school tradition.

In the past, SGA has put forth efforts to increase GCSU’s popularity and recognition. Recently, they have submitted an application to host a Student Advisory Council conference in Milledgeville. They hope to receive a bid Aug. 3.

SGA will continue to decrease the communication gap between the organization and the student body. This past year SGA developed a radio show on WGUR The Edge. They plan to con

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Zach Mullins
SGA President

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They’re Baaaack!

2010 Fall Home Athletic Schedule

9/10 Cross Country 5 pm
9/10 Soccer v. Anderson 7:30 pm
9/12 Soccer v. Florida Tech 11 am
9/17-19 Men’s Tennis Tournament
9/19 Soccer v. Barry 1 pm
9/22 Soccer v. Georgia Southwestern 7 pm
9/25 Soccer v. West Georgia 5 pm
9/29 Soccer v. Lander 7 pm
10/1-3 Women’s Tennis Tournament
10/6 Soccer v. Armstrong Atlantic 6:30 pm
10/9 Soccer v. Clayton St. 3 pm
10/16 Soccer v. Flagler 3 pm



GCSU Honor Code and Code of Conduct

Honor Code
All students are expected to abide by the requirements of the Georgia College & State University Honor Code as it applies to all academic work at the university. Failure to abide by the Honor Code will result in serious penalties.

Matriculation Pledge: In enrolling at Georgia College & State University, I solemnly pledge that I will conduct myself in such a manner as to reflect credit on the Georgia College & State University community, and I will uphold the Honor Code of the University. If I violate this Honor Code, I will accept the imposed penalty, which may include expulsion from the University.

Preamble: Since 1942, there has been an Honor Code at Georgia College & State University. This Code is a dynamic aspect of the university which helps to define its character as an institution of higher learning in the best liberal arts tradition. Through the years, this code has given rise to an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust on the Georgia College & State University campus.

And, as a result of periodic examination and review, the Honor Code continues to grow stronger. After undergoing thoughtful study and meticulous revision during the 1998-99 academic year, today’s Honor Code reflects a renewed desire of the present student generation for an honorable community and guarantees stiff punishments for dishonorable actions.

The commitment to honor has its own rewards, but the Honor Code also brings responsibilities - a

respect for the ideas, values, and property of others; a readiness to subordinate one’s own interests to the interests and well-being of the whole university community; and a dedication to abide by the rules of the university.

In order to maintain an honorable campus, student commitment is vital. This commitment begins with personal integrity, extends to the refusal to condone violation of the rules, and ends with support of an appropriate punishment for those who violate the spirit and provisions of the Honor Code. Anything short of full commitment undermines the very essence of Georgia College & State University honor. Those who engage in dishonorable behavior may be banned from the university for one or two semesters, or permanently.

Students who are unfamiliar with the concept of honor or who have a history of dishonorable behavior are urged to consider alternatives to Georgia College & State University. However, those wishing to renew themselves in the spirit of honor will be invited to join the community of Georgia College & State University by formally embracing the Honor Code at a ceremony at the beginning of their academic careers at GCSU (the Honor Code, however, is applicable to all students who matriculate at GCSU).

The Honor Code:
It is presumed that any student who matriculates to Georgia College & State University is willing to conform to a pattern of mutual trust and honor and shall deal honorably with all members of the university community. It must be understood

that it is the responsibility of each student, faculty, and staff member to preserve, nurture, and strengthen this spirit of honor.

Georgia College & State University students shall at all times refrain from and discourage all attempts at lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarism, and vandalism. When a violation of the Honor Code is detected, a student should take steps to bring the matter to the attention of the Student Judicial Board or the Vice President and Dean of Students.

Violations Defined: “Lying” is defined as any attempt to deceive, falsify, or misrepresent the truth in any matter involving university business. University business includes but is not limited to, financial aid information, excuses for absences, statements to professors in order to reschedule tests or assignments, and responses to the queries of Public Safety officers.

“Cheating” is defined as the employment of or rendering of any illicit aid in any assigned work.

“Stealing” is defined as the appropriation of money or property belonging to another person, organization, or the university, or the borrowing of property without the knowledge of the owner.

“Plagiarism” is defined as presenting as one’s own work the words or ideas of an author or fellow student. Students should document quotes through quotation marks and footnotes or other accepted citation methods. Ignorance of these rules concerning plagiarism is not an excuse. When in doubt, students should seek clarification from the professor who made the

assignment. “Vandalism” is defined as intentional, malicious damage to university property or property belonging to others. Penalties: The Judicial Council may, for any first offense violation of the Honor Code, impose immediate suspension for the remainder of the current semester and possibly for one additional semester (depending on the severity of the violation). If suspended in the fall, one would be suspended for the remainder of the fall semester and possibly the spring semester; if suspended in the spring, one would be suspended for the remainder of the spring semester and possibly the following fall semester.

The normal penalty for a second Honor Code violation is immediate expulsion from the university.

Student Code of Conduct
Georgia College & State University may discipline a student in nonacademic matters. This normally involves matters which occur on the GCSU campus or at GCSU-sponsored events, but may be extended to off-campus matters which could reasonably be expected to impact the GCSU community. Repeated off-campus arrests generally result in GCSU judicial charges as well as criminal charges.

All students are expected to adhere to the stipulations of the GCSU Honor Code, which addresses lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarism, and vandalism.

All residence hall students are expected to adhere as well to the contract terms and stipulations listed in the University Housing

Handbook.

Students are subject to disciplinary action for violating the following Code of Conduct:

1 - Conduct that violates local, state, or federal laws or GCSU regulations regarding alcohol and other drugs.

2 - Conduct that constitutes a danger to the personal safety of other members of the university community. This may include assault, attempted assault, or the threat of assault.

3 - Conduct that obstructs, seriously impairs, attempts to obstruct or seriously impair university-run or university-authorized activities on any university property, indoors or out.

4 - Acts which violate university provisions concerning parking, traffic, ID cards, university keys, smoking in unauthorized places, carrying firearms, unauthorized peddling, unauthorized use of sound amplifying equipment, and other acts which violate local, state or federal laws, or which violate appropriate conduct.

5 - Intentional harassment of another person. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, threatening, intimidating, verbally abusing, impeding, telephoning, communicating electronically, following or persistently bothering or annoying. Harassment may represent but is not limited to acts based on sex, race, religion, national origin, handicap or sexual orientation.

6 - Failing to abide by disciplinary sanctions imposed by a GCSU judicial body.

STREETSCAPE

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night because there are no sidewalks.”

A few doors down, Holsey TV Shop located at 134 North Wayne St. owner and manager Seabron Holsey is excited for the outcome of Streetscape.

“It hasn’t affected my business, people have been able to get in and out,” Holsey said, “I think it will look good and I’m kind of glad. They had a big flowerpot in front of my building and I’m glad they removed that.”

On the Southwest section of Wayne Street, the waterline has been placed and the fire line connections and electrical conduit still have to be installed before the concrete can be poured. Susan Martino owner of The Red Door, located at 133 S Wayne St., has been concerned since the construction began weeks ago.

“It’s definitely affected my business” Martino said. “We were told for the last couple of years at the meetings to count on about 2 weeks of disruption in front of our shops and then it would move on, it’s now eight weeks and you can see how it looks.”

The current construction is expected to be finished as soon as next week according to Washlesky.

“I do know this has been slower for the restaurants but it’s hard to say whether that has to do with Streetscape or if it’s just been because the students we on summer break. They may have lost a few customers to Streetscape but it’s kind of hard to say which one is the cause. That’s another reason we’ve tried to step up the attention and the advertising.”

“I wish I could be more positive but it’s hard when this is your only means of support,” Martino said. “A new sidewalk is not going to bring an extra penny to the city of Milledgeville or Baldwin County.”

Not everyone has the same outlook. Charmed Day Spa, located at 126 S Wayne St., has not noticed a drop in business since Phase Two began according to the manager and co-



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Portions of the sidewalks along Wayne Street have been closed to pedestrian traffic as workers complete Phase Two of the Street Scape project. Local merchants have seen a decrease in business due to this construction but Milledgeville Main Street is confident that this project will in the end benefit the city.

owner Dana Wolfe.

“I don’t think it really has affected our business but it may when (the construction) starts over here,” Wolfe said. “I think we’re the type of business that if they want to get a service or buy makeup, I don’t think parking somewhere else will really affect that. Plus, we have rear parking, and we try to get people to park in the back already.”

After the construction is done on the Western section, the Eastern side that runs in front of Charmed can start.

Also located on the Eastern side, Bill Massey, the owner of Middle Georgia Cards, Coins and Comics feels that the money from the \$750,000 project could have been utilized better.

“If you go walking up and down Hancock St. (which they did about 5 years ago) you have chewing gum stuck everywhere, it looks terrible. That’s what this is going to look like

after spending all of this money within two or three years. We could have probably used this money to do better things than dig up the sidewalk.”

Another concern from local businesses is the trees that were cut down on the South end of Wayne Street. Washlesky assures that 38 new trees are in the Streetscape plans and the old had to be removed because of infrastructure, sewer system, water line and storm drainage damage.

Despite Main Street efforts, many businesses have still been struggling.

“I know when they did the construction over there two or three businesses had to close because of it,” Massey said. “I’m hoping that does not happen over here. I hope everyone can hang on long enough to see it through.”

For more information contact Milledgeville Main Street at (478) 414-4014.

SMOKING

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campus.

“It’s not as if smoking has been banned,” Carty said. “There are designated areas for smokers. In my opinion it’s a win-win situation.”

“(The smoking policy) reinforces the university’s commitment to the cultiva-

tion of a culture of wellness,” said the press release.

GCSU is also helping student smokers when it comes to quitting. Freedom From Smoking is a free 7-week smoking cessation and support program which is being offered by the GCSU wellness programs. On August 24 at 5:15 p.m. in the Health and Sciences Building

(Room 211), there will be an informational meeting about the program.

To find specific areas designated for smoking visit: www.gcsu.edu/smokingareas.

For questions or additional information, contact Amy Whatley, assistant director of wellness programs, at (478) 445-7500.

WORLD

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international students and US students commit to living and interacting with each other. International students are given the opportunity to learn about U.S. culture from students that are genuinely interested in them. U.S. students can learn about cultures from the over 50 different countries from which our international students come. Both sets of students improve their language skills and cultural understanding is developed. Learning in a classroom isn’t the only way to learn at GCSU, and we make

sure that students have the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom even if they decide not to go abroad.

Students may also expand their global education by joining the International Club, one of GCSU’s largest and definitely most diverse student organizations. U.S. and international students work together to coordinate International Day, to organize the food and entertainment at the International Dinner gala, and to plan various other cultural programs on campus, as well as to take trips throughout

the Southeast and have social events on campus. International Club members make friends from around the world and share their culture with the rest of campus.

Finally, the International Education Center hosts several events and initiatives throughout the year that let students, staff, faculty and community members see their world through a global lens. This year we’re collaborating with many departments and programs across campus on the fourth annual Global Citizenship Symposium: Putting a Face on Poverty, which will take place Feb. 7-9. Throughout the entire year the campus

community will explore poverty internationally and locally. For example, in conjunction with the symposium we offer a one credit hour Introduction to International Film course which, this year, will focus on understanding global poverty.

It will be hard to avoid taking “The Road Less Traveled” while studying at GCSU. That’s what makes this university unique. The opportunity to learn about the world exists at every turn. GCSU graduates stand out from graduates of many other universities and impress employers, no matter which turns are made along the way.

Checker

24 HOURS

- In Town
- Out of Town
- Student Rates

478-452-2221

GCSU Amnesty Policy provides protection

SUBMITTED BY
BRUCE HARSHBARGER

Last spring, the GCSU University Senate ratified a policy providing amnesty from campus judicial charges to students who seek emergency medical attention for themselves, or for whom other students seek medical attention, related to consumption of alcohol or other drugs. The student in need of assistance will not be charged with a violation of the GCSU Code of Conduct related to that consumption, provided that the student subsequently completes a screening from University Counseling Services and any recommended treatment within a reasonable time frame.

This policy had been a matter of campus practice for several years, but its ratification this spring has put it into the form of an official written university policy. Its purpose is to prevent students from being reluctant to seek assistance for themselves or someone else for fear of facing action from the Office of Student Affairs. The Amnesty Policy is an attempt to remove barriers that prevent students from seeking the medical attention that they need.

The policy does not necessarily grant amnesty for criminal, civil, or legal consequences for violations of Federal, State or Local law. GCSU Public Safety officers are sworn police officers with full arrest authority, and they have the autonomy to use that authority as circumstances dictate according to their professional experience. In general, unlike police from many other settings, GCSU Public Safety officers attempt to balance a concern for student educational outcomes with their powers of arrest. In circumstances in

Campus Resources for Assistance:
Campus Police
(478) 445-4400
Student Affairs
(478) 445-5169
Campus Life
(478) 445-4027
Student Health Services
(478) 445-5288
Counseling Services
(478) 445-5331
Women's Resource Center
(478) 445-8156
EMERGENCY
911 or on campus @ 4400

Graphic by: Ian Bridgeforth

which they choose to arrest students rather than refer them to the Student Judicial Board on campus, their decision is typically a result of evidence of gross irresponsibility on the part of the student, the presence of an apparent safety risk, or complications due to the student's non-compliance or belligerence.

The Amnesty Policy:

Philosophy

The health and safety of members of the Georgia College & State University community is a primary concern. Students need to seek immediate medical attention for themselves or others when someone's health and/or safety is at risk (examples include: alcohol poisoning, unconsciousness, sexual assault or physical assault). Students may be reluctant to seek assistance for themselves or someone else for fear of facing action from the Office of Student Affairs. Georgia College & State University seeks to remove barriers that prevent students from seeking the medical attention they need.

Policy

Note: This Policy only provides amnesty from violations of the Georgia College & State University

Code of Conduct. It does not necessarily grant amnesty for criminal, civil, or legal consequences for violations of Federal, State, or Local law.

Students who seek emergency medical attention for themselves related to consumption of drugs or alcohol will not be charged with violations of the GCSU Code of Conduct related to that consumption, provided that the student subsequently completes a screening from University Counseling Services and any recommended treatment within a reasonable time frame to be determined by the Office of Student Affairs. Failure to complete this screening/treatment may result in charges being filed with the Office of Student Affairs.

Students who seek emergency medical attention for someone else will not be charged with violations of the GCSU Code of Conduct related to consumption of alcohol or drugs, or intoxication, provided that the student subsequently completes a screening from University Counseling Services and any recommended treatment within a reasonable time frame to be determined by the Office of Student Affairs. "GCSU Public Safety officers will weigh heavily a student's cooperation and genuinely positive intent in determining whether a substance abuse situation allows them to provide the student amnesty from arrest."

Student Organizations are required to seek immediate medical assistance for their members or guests when any potential health risk is observed, including medical emergencies related to the use of alcohol and/or drugs. A Student Organization that seeks immediate assistance from appropriate sources will not be charged



Night patrol, Police Academy offer real life experience, protection

SUBMITTED BY GREG WILLIAMS

S.N.A.P.

The GCSU Department of Public Safety in partnership with the GCSU Student Government Association is pleased to offer the university community the Student Night Auxiliary Patrol program. S.N.A.P. provides safety escorts to the university community during the evenings and at night. Anyone who is on or within the immediate proximity of the GCSU campus is encouraged to call the GCSU Department of Public Safety at 478-445-SNAP (7627) and ask for a safety escort if you will be walking within the downtown area. The service is free of charge and will be available most weeknights. S.N.A.P. is available on Monday and Tuesday from 8 p.m. to midnight and on Wednesday and Thursday from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. Please feel free to call and ask for more details.

Student Police Academy

The GCSU Student Police Academy is a program designed to give students interested in law enforcement a working knowledge of the GCSU Police Department. The student academy will provide all participants with real hands-on training that will give the student a unique perspective to law enforcement. Participants will be able to participate in firearms training at a live firing range, participate in ride-a-longs with patrol officers, conduct mock traffic stops, investigate mock crime scenes and more.

The goal of the student police academy is to give participants a true understanding of law enforcement and foster a better relationship between students and the University Police Department. Participants will gain a better understanding of the important role the University Police have in their college experience.

Please contact Sgt. Michael Baker at 478-445-2238 or Lt. Greg Williams at 478-445-1520 for information about signing up!

No experience needed Career Services allows students to prepare for life after graduation

SUBMITTED BY MARY ROBERTS

If you're like most college freshmen, your first priority is to move into your residence hall, start classes and make some friends. We were all there once, and while my resume wasn't on my mind during the first week of classes, I was most certainly in turmoil about selecting a major and the career possibilities each one might provide. By choosing to attend GCSU, you have already begun the career development process. Soon you'll be exploring new subjects which might lead you to questioning the major and career path you were so sure of three months ago. Lucky for you, the staff in the University Career Center is here to help.

To begin exploring majors and careers, you can contact our office to make an appointment with a career advisor. In the appointment, we will direct you to resources that will help you weigh your options. Popular options include taking a career assessment with Counseling Services and reviewing "What Can I Do with this Major?" with the University Career Center.

However, we know many of you are thinking about ways to earn money through a part-time job. Both on and off campus jobs may require a resume, so the University Ca-

reer Center can help with this task as well. On campus jobs are promoted through www.gcsujobs.com and the financial aid office. Off campus part-time job information is available through the Career Center's job board, Career Connection. We also host several career fairs throughout the year including our Internship Fair scheduled for Oct. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Front Campus.

To learn more, you can either visit our website at www.gcsu.edu/career or our office in 232 Lanier Hall on Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Staff members are available to meet with students by appointment to discuss majors and careers, resumes, internships, job and graduate school applications, and other transition issues as they relate to the career development process. The UCC also has a student team of trained Career Peer Advisors who help students with resume writing, interviewing skills and job search strategies.

By using the Career Center early and consistently throughout your college experience, you will be more prepared when it comes time to locate an internship, a full-time job or a graduate school program.

Welcome to GCSU and best of luck to all of you as you begin your journey from college to career.



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Take Out Available

MAP-Works provides easier college transition

SUBMITTED BY PAUL JAHR

GCSU is excited to be providing MAP-Works (Making Achievement Possible), a tremendous resource to all first-time freshmen this year. MAP-Works is a series of four online surveys designed to help provide guidance, assistance and support to enhance ability to get the most out of the learning experiences that come with the transition to college.

MAP-Works is designed to help you recognize challenges and opportunities and assist

you in the efforts to reshape your behaviors, beliefs and attitudes early in your first semester so that you are positioned for success.

On Sept. 14, you will receive an email with a link to the fall transition online survey. There will be about 100 questions and you should be prepared to spend approximately 25 minutes answering them. Just a day or two later, you will receive an email providing you with information on logging back into the MAP-Works program to get your personalized report pre-

sented as a streaming video. The results of the transition survey will help you recognize opportunities and potential challenges to a successful college experience. You will be able to compare your collegiate behaviors, expectations and attitudes with those of your fellow freshmen. The report will also contain tips and resources to help you to maximize your successful transition to GCSU.

You will be seeing signs around campus and hearing more about MAP-Works from your Community Advisor in

your hall, your First Year Academic Seminar instructor and your Academic Advisor as Sept. 14 comes closer. Mark that date on your calendar now and remember to respond to the e-mail that arrives in your E-cats e-mail inbox, open the link to your personal survey, and provide honest responses to the questions asked.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Paul Jahr, associate vice president for student affairs, in Parks Hall in room 206 or via e-mail at paul.jahr@gcsu.edu.



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Local residents Sylvanius Hightower and Rev. David Luke take advantage of the internet connection provided at Digital Bridges located at 127 West Hancock Street.

Digital Bridges focuses on educating locals

SUBMITTED BY DANIEL McDONALD

Computer and Internet technologies are changing the way we live our lives in every corner of the world—including Milledgeville.

To help ease that transition, and to encourage the innovative use of emerging technologies, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation partnered with the Digital Innovation Group at GCSU to create Digital Bridges, Milledgeville’s gateway to the information age.

Digital Bridges provides the community with the access and training to the resources that will make Milledgeville a model for the adoption of emerging technologies in a rural setting.

At Digital Bridges’ home in the Knight Community Innovation Center, located next to the Campus Theatre at 127 W. Hancock St. in downtown Milledgeville, community members have access to meeting facilities, wireless broadband Internet, computer workstations with a large selection of software and short-term media equipment checkout. Digital Bridges

enhances access to the hardware and software available at the Knight Community Innovation Center by hosting seminars and workshops to encourage the creative application of those new technologies.

In addition to the opportunities for personal and professional growth, Digital Bridges offers opportunities for engaging in the life of the Milledgeville community by volunteering to assist in some of our community outreach initiatives, such as our Bridging the Basics computer literacy classes, and volunteering at any of the community events we host at the Knight Community Innovation Center.

To learn more about what Digital Bridges is doing to empower community members to improve Milledgeville, stop by the Knight Community Innovation Center or visit us on the Web, by pointing your browser to thedigitalbridges.org.

Digital Bridges is a GCSU venture with funding from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to create a community-owned initiative to re-imagine Milledgeville in the information age.

SGA

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tinue while joining other media outlets such as GCTV as well. Town meetings will also take place in residence halls and local apartment complexes.

As communication with students increases, SGA expects valuable input that they will use toward crafting a new university mission state-

ment. Every student is going to be able to have a voice at GCSU.

As SGA has been hard at work, many of these goals are set to take place during the fall semester. However, the board has also set long-term goals that will benefit GCSU as well as the Milledgeville community.

These plans include decreasing truck traffic on Hancock Street, developing a new phone system for the Executive staff, defining and enforcing the school-wide smoking policy and developing a front campus webcam.

AMNESTY

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with violations of the GCSU Code of Conduct related to providing alcohol, providing that the organization completes any educational programming required by the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Campus Life. However, the organization can and will be held accountable for any other violations of the Code of Conduct related to the incident (e.g. endangering the health or safety of others, covered smoke detectors, etc.). Student Organizations that fail to seek immediate medical assistance for members or guests in need of attention will likely be charged with violations of the Code of Conduct and face dissolution or termination as the outcome of such charges. It is imperative that student organizations seek medical assistance for their members or guests in an emergency situation.

This Policy applies only to those students

or organizations who seek emergency medical assistance in connection with an alcohol or drug-related medical emergency and does not apply to individuals experiencing an alcohol or drug-related medical emergency who are found by University employees. (i.e. University Police, Faculty, administrative staff, residence hall staff)

The GCSU Amnesty Policy is not intended to shield or protect those students or organizations that repeatedly violate the Code of Conduct. In cases where repeated violations of the GCSU Code of Conduct occur, the University reserves the right to take judicial action on a case by case basis regardless of the manner in which the incident was reported. Additionally, the University reserves the right to adjudicate any case in which the violations are egregious.

Additionally, the GCSU Amnesty Policy allows for assistance in cases of sexual misconduct. If

you believe you have been involved in an incident of sexual misconduct, you have the right to pursue action through the University judicial system and/or the appropriate law enforcement authorities, and/or the courts. GCSU further encourages anyone who has been involved in such an incident to pursue action through appropriate law enforcement authorities and/or the courts. The University wishes to encourage victims to report incidents of sexual misconduct and therefore reserves the right to waive disciplinary charges against victims for circumstances surrounding the incident. For example, a victim who had been an underage drinker would not typically face charges of violating alcohol policies.

Sexual Misconduct is any sexual act which violates the laws of the State of Georgia; and/or includes, but is not limited to: acts of rape (stranger and acquaintance or date rape) and other forms

of coerced sexual activity, including unwanted touching, fondling or other forms of sexual conduct. Any sexual activity which is entered into without consent of both or all persons involved is a violation of this policy. A person may not avoid responsibility for a sexual activity because of impairment due to the influence of alcohol or other drugs. A person is deemed incapable of giving consent when that person is a minor under the age of 18 years, is mentally disabled, mentally incapacitated, physically helpless, under the influence of alcohol or drugs to the point of being unable to make a rational decision, unconscious or asleep. A person always retains the right to revoke consent at any time during a sexual act.

The Office of Student Affairs reserves the right to contact any student to discuss an incident whether or not the GCSU Amnesty Policy is in effect.

Instructional Technology Center upgrades GCSU

New website, updates, media equipment added to ITC inventory for student use

SUBMITTED BY WADE JOHNSTON

There are a lot of changes that have happened in the summer for the Instructional Technology Center. Computers have been updated with the latest software, spaces have been redesigned and more media equipment has been added. The ITC has totally rede-

signed their website (gcsu.edu/library/itc) to give the students what they want from the comfort of their own room. The ITC staff has developed an inventory availability widget on the sidebar to show students exactly what we have in stock. All numbers are updated in real time.

We have also added to our media equipment inven-

tory to meet the demand of the students. Our inventory includes 110 Flip HD Video Camcorders, nine digital photo cameras, seven voice recorders and now four iPads. We want to make this semester better than before by staying open longer and offering more ways to get help with technology questions. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!



PHOTO BY TIM VACULA
Thunder shows off the new technology offered in the Instructional Technology Center.

Health Services gives students tips to stay healthy this year

SUBMITTED BY ALICE LOPER

On behalf of the staff of Student Health Services, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you to the beautiful GCSU campus. As you begin your exciting journey at college, you will face many opportunities for networking, socializing and living with others. You will also be enjoying newly-found freedoms and some independence. The choices you make can affect your health for the rest of your life.

It goes without saying, that to succeed academically, you need to stay healthy physically.

Make wise decisions when it comes to personal habits and choices. Remember the basics you have probably heard all your life ...these never change!

* Don’t drink or eat after some-

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- * Cover your coughs and sneezes. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or cough into your elbow. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it
- * Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Hand-washing is the single most important element of preventing the spread of infection.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- * If you are sick, don’t share your germs
- * Take a flu shot every year
- * Make informed sexual choices.

If you need information, come to the clinic. Some of the most common sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) do not go away with treat-

ment, meaning you will have it the rest of your life. Some STDs interfere with your reproductive capability. This may not seem important to you now, but it will in the future. Some STDs cause pain, some can eventually cause death, and some can be present without your knowledge. Make wise choices, use protection if you choose to be sexually active.

Just remember, when you engage in sex with another person, it is like having sex with every person they have ever been with before.

- * Don’t drink to excess. Underage drinking is a crime. Don’t use illegal drugs and don’t take someone else’s prescription medication.
- * Be a responsible citizen. Respect those around you and their property but above all, respect yourself.
- * Take some “you” time. Save

some time for relaxation, get some exercise, and remember to eat properly, trying to get a balanced diet.

Last year we dealt with the H1N1 pandemic flu. No one knows what type of flu season this will be this year. We will all need to do everything we can to not catch the flu, and if we do, limit the spread to others. Any flu is caused by a virus and is very easily spread. Following the guidelines above will help keep you healthy and less likely to catch germs from others.

The Student Health Clinic is located in Beeson Hall, between the library and Parks Memorial buildings, facing Montgomery Street. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You must bring your valid Bobcat card in order to be seen in the clinic. Because you pay a health fee there

is no charge for appointments and most medications are provided at no cost. There are costs associated with some lab tests and vaccines. You do not need insurance in order to be treated at the clinic, but we strongly encourage you to have it for emergencies or if you need to be referred to another provider.

Please feel free to come by and ask for information you may need or if you have questions. The clinic staff is eager to help you with your health needs. If you need information or would like to speak with a health care provider, call 478-445-5288.

Make the most of your college experience. You have earned the privilege of attending this fine institution so don’t waste it on poor choices. Common sense and the “basics” will carry you a long way!

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Tutoring available at Learning Center

SUBMITTED BY
LORI BETH ROBINSON

The Learning Center offers free tutorial assistance in many core curriculum subjects to any GCSU enrolled student.

The Learning Center services aim to strengthen academic skills, improve academic confidence and enable the student to achieve academic success. Through a variety of academic support options, resource materials and an inviting atmosphere, the Learning Center encourages active learning and promotes the timely and successful progression toward graduation.

For more information about The Learning Center tutorial services, tutoring schedules or about becoming a peer tutor, visit us in Arts & Sciences room 256 or our Web site at <http://info.gcsu.edu/intranet/learningcenter>.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Learning Center

Q: How much do the services at the Learning Center cost?

A: Nothing. The Learning Center is free to all registered GCSU students.

Q: Are appointments required?

A: No, anyone is welcome to walk in during operating hours.

Q: Should I bring my Bobcat ID?

A: Yes, you'll need to swipe in.

For more information visit:
<http://www.gcsu.edu/success/learningcenter.htm>

Students reap benefits of electronic textbooks

BY MICHAEL HOKANSON
STAFF WRITER

Books and textbooks have long been the traditional media in schools, but as e-books become more popular, paper and ink textbooks may become a thing of the past.

E-books, or electronic books, are an alternative to the standard paper page books. E-books, along with handheld e-readers like the Kindle from Amazon.com or the Nook from Barnes and Noble, are mainly marketed as an alternative to buying novels, but the devices can just as easily be used for electronic textbooks.

Here at GCSU, e-books have already become an alternative to carrying around a textbook for some classes.

"You can get (your e-book) right away," said Janet Tasker, textbook manager at Box Office Books. "It saves students up to five percent."

Though an electronic copy of a book is cheaper, the bookstore only sold four last year. In addition, not all textbooks are available as e-books.

In addition to selling e-books, GCSU recently ordered around 40 iPads for various departments of the school to use as teaching aids. The iPads can also be used for reading e-book

files.

While the online textbooks do not cost as much as their paper counterparts, you have to own some extra equipment to read the digital version.

A standard computer can be used to read e-books and many sites such as Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble's Web site allow you to download their e-reader programs for free. However, if you want a more portable option you would have to purchase a handheld e-reader, smart phone, or PDA. These devices can range in price at retail stores depending on features.

The major benefits of using an e-reader are the physical differences. Where one textbook can weigh five pounds, e-readers weigh around 10 ounces. Textbooks also take up more space than the average e-reader. If space is limited, an e-reader would be a space-saving alternative to large books.

Also e-books are usually priced lower than regular textbooks.

Students spent an average of \$667 in the past year on course material, according to a study conducted by the National Association of College Stores. The study also showed that the average price of a new textbook in a campus bookstore was

\$64, but this average includes "books and materials not published as textbooks." The NACS has a list of examples including "novels for literature classes, [biographies] for history courses, or current paperbacks for sociology and political science students."

No matter what schools decide to do, the important preference is that of the students.

"Use of e-books on campus would probably decrease students' textbook expenses, provided that the textbook is available in an electronic format and the student owns a means to read the material," said Lauren Canova, an accounting major. "And it saves trees, if you're into that sort of thing."

However, some students prefer the traditional textbooks.

"I'd rather have a book," said Dawson Roberts, a creative writing major who has used e-books before for his world literature class. "It's tangible. You can see your progress. But it's a tough question. The readers themselves are expensive, but the books are cheap."

Tasker thinks e-books will rise in popularity over time.

"I think in about 8 to 10 years [e-books] will be the way," Tasker said.

Tips to be a successful Bobcat

SUBMITTED BY HOLLY SNELLING

Members of the Enrollment Management Division, including staff members from Admissions, Financial Aid, Office of the Registrar and Center for Student Success, worked directly and indirectly with you as you were applying and preparing to attend GCSU. Now that you are on campus, we, along with other offices in our division, are committed to helping you succeed. As you get ready to start college life, we would like to point out some important resources that can help you through your journey at GCSU.

·Check your myCATS account daily. Important information about financial aid, registration, testing requirements, activities and much more is posted here. This is also the place where you'll check your eCats e-mail, which you should also do every day. Make sure you pay particular attention to e-mails that tell you when things are due. This is the University's official means of communication to you.

·Bookmark the Academic Calendar. It is important that you know the specific dates you can make changes to your schedule, deadlines for tuition payment, fees, what day classes begin, etc. Forgetting any of these things can cause a negative impact on your college transition and even on your grades.

·Make sure the Undergraduate Catalog is your first new friend at GCSU. Interested in knowing what a certain class entails? Need to know the requirements for your major? Do you have a question about academic policies and rules? You can check the Catalog to find out. Check under the Academics link on the homepage to find the Catalog, or visit <http://www.gcsu.edu/registrar/catalog.htm>.

·Become familiar with the HOPE Scholarship GPA calculation process. The Financial Aid Office staff is your best source of information regarding this scholarship program. Refer to the "Guide to the HOPE Scholarship" located on their Web site at <http://www.gcsu.edu/financialaid/docs/HOPEguide.pdf>. Even better, meet with your Financial Aid advisor to gain a better understanding of when your GPA will be reviewed as well as grades that are used in this calculation. After

all, leaving high school as a HOPE Scholar is an accomplishment to be proud of. We hope you continue those achievements throughout your undergraduate collegiate experience.

·Make sure you have submitted your final high school transcripts and immunization records. You can double-check both by going to the PAWS links on your myCATS Student tab. This page will allow you to view and track your immunization requirements. This page will also be helpful should you ever need to submit your immunization records to other schools. Another suggestion is to check your holds page to confirm that your immunization records are complete. If you do not have a hold, your immunization records have been received and entered.

·Visit the Learning Center in Arts & Science 256 if you are experiencing difficulty in a certain class, or even if you want to enhance your study skills. The Learning Center offers tutoring and support for a variety of courses, and can help you develop additional strategies for success. This is a free service to any GCSU enrolled student. Remember, college-level courses are different from high school courses, and students who succeed use every resource available to ensure that they master the material taught in each class.

·The Center for Student Success prepares a newsletter, "Freshman Footnotes," specifically for you! Each newsletter (and back issues, too) are housed within the web pages of the Center for Student Success (<http://www.gcsu.edu/success/freshmanfootnotes.htm>); however, freshmen will receive an e-mail message announcing and linking to each new issue. Please watch for these announcements. The newsletters are kept simple so you can gain quick, helpful info in four areas: study skills, adjusting to college, campus resources and a brief highlight of campus tradition or history.

·Get to know your academic advisor. Your advisor is committed to guiding you through your course selection and assisting you in career preparation.

·Always make sure you ask questions, and always ask for help when you need it.

From the GCSU Enrollment Management Team

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT



1 KICKED OUT According to a Public Safety report, on July 27 at approximately 4:12 p.m. Sgt. English was dispatched to the Centennial Center in reference to a person refusing to leave the building. Contact was made with the male who when asked if he was told to leave, agreed that it had happened. He began using profanities and acting in a loud and aggressive manner. He was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office and charged with disorderly conduct. He was also trespassed from all GCSU property indefinitely.

2 OUTSTANDING WARRANT According to a Public Safety report, on July 21 at approximately 11:03 a.m. Sgt. English observed a vehicle on Franklin Street pulling a trailer with no lights or tags. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver. A check through GCIC found that the vehicle had suspended registration and no insurance. It was also found that he had outstanding warrants through Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office. The warrants were verified and he was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sherriif’s Office for processing. He was also issued citations for suspended registration and no insurance and given verbal warnings for no taillights or tag. The vehicle and trailer were towed from the scene.

4 SHED THE SHIRT According to a Public Safety report, on July 21 at approximately 10:15 p.m. Officer Ransom was advised by Sgt. Miller that a male was seen coming on campus and when the subject saw the police vehicle, removed his shirt and began to walk away. Sgt. Miller called out to the subject and the subject jumped through the bushes on Front Campus and briskly walked away. Officer Ransom made contact with the male, who had a laceration on his arm and hand. It was determined that the male was 18 years of age and when tested on the Alco-Sensor, registered .193. He was taken to Oconee Regional Medical Center for treatment of the lacerations and then transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

MISSING MACHINE According to a Public Safety report, on July 23, 2010 at approximately 12:31 p.m. a GCSU employee reported that between July 20 and July 23 a blood pressure machine turned up missing. The machine is valued between \$600 and \$1000. There are no suspects at this time

Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

3 DROP THE CONE According to a Public Safety report, on July 17 at approximately 2:26 a.m. Officer Ransom observed a male standing at Hancock and Wayne Streets with a traffic cone over one shoulder and an alcoholic beverage in the other hand. When the male noticed him, he tossed the cone to the ground and started talking to people around him. As Officer Ransom exited his vehicle, the subject tossed his alcoholic beverage. Contact was made with the male, who was extremely uncooperative. He then attempted to flee on foot and was apprehended as he was trying to jump over a wall in the parking lot next to the post office. He received minor scratches and scrapes on his feet, arms and cheek from running barefoot and running into the wall. He was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office and charged with obstruction of an officer.

5 CHILDREN ONBOARD According to a Public Safety report, on July 18 at approximately 2:09 a.m. Officer Ransom observed a vehicle run the red light at Jefferson and Hancock Streets. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver. Upon reaching the vehicle, Officer Ransom observed a two-year-old not restrained and an eight-month-old in a car seat that was not restrained to the seat in any way. While speaking with the female, Officer Ransom could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person. When given a breathalyzer test, she registered .150. A check through GCIC found that the registration was suspended. She was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and issued citations for DUI, two citations for DUI with children under 14 in vehicle, two safety seats – children under six, seat belt violation, obedience to a traffic control device and vehicle registration suspended. The children were turned over to their father and the vehicle was towed.

WHAT’S HAPPENING

Thursday, August 12

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| 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Move in to residence halls |
| 12:30 - 3 p.m. | Registration/Orientation |
| 1 - 4 p.m. | Welcome to Wellness (Centennial Center) |
| 7 - 8:30 p.m. | Speaker: Tracy Knofla from High Impact (Centennial Center) |
| 8:30 - 9 p.m. | Bobcat Pep Rally |
| 9 - 11 p.m. | CAB Extravaganza featuring Armed Farces Improv and Jaymes Reunion (Centennial Center) |

Friday, August 13

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| 10 - 11:30 a.m. | Bobcat Beginnings/ Insights (Russel Auditorium) |
| 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m | Registration if not completed |
| 1 - 4:30 p.m. | Circles Meetings/Meeting with author John Marks |
| 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Resident Students’ Meeting (Residence Halls) |
| 7:45 - 8:30 p.m. | Freshman Convocation/ Reception (Front Campus/ Library Courtyard) |
| 9 - 11 p.m. | CAB Event: Hypnotist Frederick Winters (Russel Auditorium) |

Saturday, August 14

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| 10 a.m. -12 p.m. | Unfinished Business |
| 11 - 1 p.m. | Food, Arts and Music SOAR program |
| 2 - 5 p.m. | 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney and Open Swimming (Centennial Center) |
| 6 - 8 p.m. | Bobcat Marketplace & Community Celebration (Centennial Residential Courtyard) |
| 7 - 9 p.m. | Picture Perfect Picnic (Centennial Residential Courtyard) |
| 9 p.m. | RSA Movie Night: Prince of Persia (Centennial Residential Courtyard) |

Sunday, August 15

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| 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Special Brunch (MSU Dining Hall) |
| 8 - 9:30 p.m. | “Can I Kiss You?” - Domitrz (Russel Auditorium) |
| 10 p.m. | CAB Event: Comedian Eric O’Shea (Russel Auditorium) |

Monday, August 16

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| First day of classes | |
| 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Lemonade Brigade |
| 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Poster Sale (Fountain) |
| 2 - 5 p.m. | Open Swimming |

Tuesday, August 17

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| 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Lemonade Brigade |
| 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Poster Sale (Fountain) |
| 2 - 5 p.m. | Open Swimming |
| 6 p.m. | GCSU Theatre Auditions (Campus Theatre) |
| 7 - 10 p.m. | CAB Interest Meeting (The DEN) |

Wednesday, August 18

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| 12:30 - 2 p.m. | CAB Interest Meeting (The DEN) |
| 6 p.m. | GCSU Theatre Auditions (Campus Theatre) |

Thursday, August 19

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| 6 p.m. | GCSU Theatre Auditions (Campus Theatre) |
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Friday, August 20

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| Last day to drop a course without penalty | |
| 6 p.m. | GCSU Theatre Auditions (Campus Theatre) |
| 7 - 10 p.m. | CAB Movie Night: Killers (Magnolia Ballroom) |

Monday, August 23

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| 12:30 - 2 p.m. | CAB Interest Meeting (The DEN) |
| 5 p.m. | Colonnade Interest Meeting (MSU 128) |

Wednesday, August 25

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| 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. | Times Talk (Beeson Hall) |
| 6 - 7 p.m. | SGA Information Session (A&S Auditorium) |

Thursday, August 26

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| 7 p.m. | Reception and Artist Talk for Cynthia Brinich-Langlois: “The Fantastical Colonization of the Planet Mars” (Blackbridge Hall) |
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Friday, August 27

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| 3 - 5 p.m. | SGA Senator Application Packets Due (SGA Office: Student Activities Center 105) |
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Saturday, August 28

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| 1 - 8 p.m. | CAB To Go: Braves Game (bus leaves from The Village) |
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Wednesday, September 1

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| 12:30 - 1:30 | Times Talk (Beeson Hall) |
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Beyond the Columns

When, Where	Action	What it means to you
August 3 Washington D.C.	Senate Republicans push for hearings to review and perhaps alter 14th amendment which grants citizenship to anyone born on United States soil, including the children of illegal immigrants.	A change to the Constitutional amendment could alter the parameters of United States citizenship so that children born on U.S. soil are not automatically granted citizenship and bring major immigration reform.
August 3 New York	New York commissioner voted unanimously against landmark status for a building near Ground Zero that will house an Islamic community center.	While the vote could not have prevented the developers from building the center, it would have prevented Soho Properties from demolishing the building or significantly altering the exterior. The vote leaves one less obstacle for the Islamic center.
Pakistan Late July to now	One of the heaviest monsoon seasons in 80 years devastates Pakistan causing major flash flooding.	The rains have killed at least 1,500 people, left tens of thousands cut off and have caused a growing risk for disease outbreaks. The floods have also affected four provinces in Afghanistan and killed at least 60 people there.

Send us your calendar submissions

If you know of a GCSU or community event open to all students, please let us know. Send submissions including the date, time, event name and description to rebeccaburns89@gmail.com.

What's new...



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The blackbox theatre, found at 135 West Hancock Street will be the home to the Department of Theatre's performances this fall semester.

Blackbox theatre and fall production season

SUBMITTED BY
KAREN BERMAN

The GCSU Department of Theatre is delighted to present our new season "A Southern Celebration: Welcome Home." Following our hit "RENT" last year, and our return in July from the Czech Republic where we performed in an international theatre festival, the Department of Theatre has decided to produce plays close to our southern roots.

This celebration of southern plays was inspired by the opening of our brand new home, the Campus Black Box Theatre in the heart of historic downtown Milledgeville.

We begin by producing the play "To Kill a Mockingbird," adapted from a novel which is number 10 on the New York Times all-time bestseller list and having its 50th year anniversary. The original Scout, Mary Badham, joins us for on-campus talks in collaboration with the Kazanetti String Quartet. In November, we toast the opening of the new Campus Black Box Theatre with a gala premiere party and the exciting southern classic "Steel Magnolias."

In December, special effect snow falls on the stage as our community dance program presents "The Nutcracker" with



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The theatre features vintage movie posters in the entrance.

250 dancers. In February, we produce the sing-along swing dance musical "1940s Radio Hour" with the songs of famous Georgia native Johnny Mercer. In March, we present a world premiere based on the lives of Milledgeville residents titled "Milledgeville Memoirs" prior to its off-Broadway debut in New York City.

The Liz Lerman Dance Exchange hails from Washington, D.C. for a workshop performance with our GCSU dancers. The dance minor concert in April features our amazing dance minors.

Come join us as we celebrate in words, dance and song, the special nature of our Southern heritage.

"Reacting to the past" class

SUBMITTED BY STEVE
ELLIOTT-GOWER

"Reacting to the Past," a powerful role-playing pedagogy, will be introduced to GCSU in several classes this academic year.

Reacting consists of elaborate games, set in the past, in which students are assigned roles oftentimes informed by classic texts in the history of ideas. Instructors provide introductory lectures, advise and guide students, and grade students' oral and written work, but the highly inter-

active game sessions are run almost entirely by the students. Reacting draws students into historical crises, promotes engagement with big ideas, and nurtures intellectual and academic skills such as critical reading and listening.

"Reacting to the Past is the most powerful and engaging instructional method that I've seen in my 25 years of college teaching," said Dr. Steve Elliott-Gower, who is leading the effort to bring Reacting to GCSU. "Some people have even called it

'dangerously engaging' because it is just so compelling."

GCSU students will experience the Reacting pedagogy in Dr. Stephen Auerbach's French Revolution class, Dr. Peggy Schaller's French Culture and Civilization class, and Dr. Deborah Vess's History of Christianity class in the fall. Students in Dr. Auerbach's class, for example, will represent Royalist and Republican factions, and experience the crisis and chaos of the French Revolution. We might expect to see the

Sans-Culottes storming the Humber-White House mid-semester. Other Reacting games to be played next year include "Henry VIII and the Reformation Parliament," "Constantine and the Council of Nicaea," "The Trial of Galileo," and "Art in Paris: Modernism vs. Traditionalism."

Faculty and students interested in Reacting should see the Reacting web site at www.barnard.edu/reacting and/or contact Dr. Steve Elliott-Gower at steve.elliott-gower@gcsu.edu.

Mail Services indoor clerk window

AMANDA BODDY
SENIOR REPORTER

Mail Services has recently reorganized and reconstructed their workspace. By creating a window on the inside of the Maxwell Student Union, the mail clerks are able to serve more students with more space.

"The project took about a month and a half, we just filled in the old window and put it inside and expanded it," Raymond Lane, a mail clerk working for Mail Services said.

The changes to the office are expected to help both the Mail Services staff as well as students.

"The purpose was to ac-

commodate the students better at busy times. There would be long lines, so now we can form two lines to be more efficient," Lane said.

Lane says that the need for a new window was realized when parents were complaining at orientation that the current had been too small. The Mail Services are optimistic about the new window making their jobs a little easier.

"This gives us a bigger working station and gives us easier access to the computer," Lane said.

Mail Services is located on the lower level of MSU and provides services such as bulk mailings, package mailings and stamp sales.



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Mail clerk Crystal Miller works in the newly reconstructed Mail Services room.

at GCSU?

Rhetoric Club and Chess Club debut on campus

SUBMITTED BY
MARK VAIL

Public speaking is a familiar fear in today's society. It's right up there with spiders and heights, and just like its competitors public speaking isn't going anywhere. The rhetoric major at GCSU is a small, but growing group of students who are dedicated to the art of public speaking, and would love to share this unique and en-

joyable major with you.

The GCSU Rhetoric Club is taking its maiden voyage this fall, and would love to have you along for the ride. The club currently plans to meet biweekly, and participate in various activities for everyone from the speech-phobic to the practiced rhetorician. Do you enjoy improv games, thinking on your feet and having fun in the process? We are excited to offer some improvisation game ses-

sions, as well as some impromptu speaking opportunities and movie nights. And you don't need to be a rhetoric major to join. We are open to all students, regardless of major, interested in improving their public presentation skills.

The rhetoric department is most excited to add a new type of tutoring to GCSU's already extensive program. We are in the process of putting together a tutoring

lab that will enable any student who has an upcoming presentation or speech in a class to be coached by advanced rhetoric majors and faculty. We also are working on the means to record and play back your speeches for you, so you can see yourself in a whole new light.

Be on the lookout for GCSU Rhetoric Club on table tents, fliers and on Facebook. GCSU Rhetoric—because we all have to speak, why not sound great doing it?

SUBMITTED BY
LILY GREENBERG

Come join the GCSU Chess Club for an informational meeting and free food on Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. The location will be announced later on. The club is open to all levels of expertise, from beginner to master. Join us on OrgSync or contact us at GCSUCHessClub@gmail.com to get on our e-mailing list and for more information!

Students experience class and culture in the Czech Republic

SUBMITTED BY
KAREN BERMAN

This June 16-July 1, eight GCSU students and GCSU Theatre Chair Karen Berman just completed an exciting 16 day trip to the Czech Republic during which the students performed a new play The Women of Havel and Kafka at an international theatre festival in Hradec Králové.

The GCSU students were the only theatre company from the United States at the open air festival of the Theatre European Regions international theatre festival that included theatre performances from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Russia, Finland, Switzerland, Estonia, Great Britain, and Japan.

The students participated in a course titled "THEA 4980 Arts, Politics, and Agitprop"

and earned three credit hours for their time in the Czech Republic.

The students received three curtain calls from the audience for their performance in a beautiful 18th Century courtyard in the heart of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic.

The GCSU students, Destiny Andrews, Lee Brown, Gabrielle Byndloss, Kat Lea, Nic Marrone, Theresa Sagan, Lizzie Spratt, and Erin Williams, also performed the play at the Comedien Haus in Kuks, Czech Republic near the Poland border and at the Malé Vinohradské Divadlo, a professional theatre in Prague. The production was directed by Dr. Karen Berman and was part of the GCSU Study Abroad program. She wrote and researched the play with a Faculty Research Grant.

GCSU Assistant Vice President for International Education

Dwight Call was able to attend the final performance in Prague. Berman said

"It was an exciting opportunity for the students to perform in an international theatre festival, meet and watch performances by actors from all over the world, and see the lovely rural area of Kuks, the university town of Hradec Králové and Prague, the crown jewel of Central Europe."

Our Czech host Professor Standa Bohadlo who teaches music at the University of Hradec Králové, arranged for a tour of the Franz Kafka Museum and the Theatre on the Balustrade (Divadlo Na Zábřadli) where former Czech Republic President and playwright Václav Havel presented all of his famous plays in Prague.

These opportunities enriched the performance for our students.



SUBMITTED BY KAREN BERMAN

From left, GCSU Assistant Vice President for International Education Dr. Dwight Call, the group's host in the Czech Republic, Dr. Standa Bohadlo, Theatre Chair Dr. Karen Berman, and students Sophomore Lee Brown, Junior Lizzie Spratt, Senior Nic Marrone, Junior Destiny Andrews, Junior Gabby Byndloss, Senior Erin Williams, Junior Kat Lea and Sophomore Theresa Sagan.

Summer blockbuster movie reviews:

“Dinner for Schmucks”

“Inception”

RYAN DEL CAMPO
REVIEWER

“Dinner for Schmucks” served as the best example of cinematic mediocrity this year since April’s “Date Night.” Amid an expected slew of summer blockbusters, the film did not offer much comic ingenuity, though “Schmucks” was useful to offer moviegoers a simple and carefree bout of laughter.

The movie came out of its premier weekend in the #2 slot, ahead of the new Angelina Jolie flick, “Salt” but still falling behind the three week-old action/thriller “Inception.” “Dinner for Schmucks” also nearly doubled the weekend gross of the family movie “Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore,” which was released on the same date.

In “Schmucks,” Paul Rudd plays his typical role of an average man (much like his role in “I Love You, Man”), who gets caught up in the awkward and idiotic antics of Steve Carell’s character (like his role in “The 40 Year Old Virgin”). The compatibility of the interactions between these two men is the movie’s saving grace.

Tim (Rudd) is a dedicated businessman who hopes to receive a promotion by attending a dinner, but the meal is no ordinary dinner. Tim is expected to bring a guest with extraordinary talent to the meal, where the guest would be ridiculed and judged for his idiocy. Tim’s promotion relied on his ability to produce a unequivocally ridiculous idiot. With moral convictions against the idea of the dinner, Tim had all but written off the event until he quite literally ran into Barry (Carell). Tim and Barry stimulate a friendship that interferes with Tim’s relationship with his girlfriend, Julie (Stephanie Szostak), and his important business ventures.

Throughout the movie, Barry is a fool whose actions are reminiscent of “Dumb and Dumber.” It was obvious from Carell’s first scene that he was a shoe-in to win the first prize for being the biggest idiot at the dinner. After all, Barry is a timid IRS worker who spends his spare time creating panoramic scenes with stuffed mice. At every turn, Barry could be expected to make a poor decision to keep the admittedly simplistic plot moving. Barry did have several memorable one-liners that kept the comedy rolling. Carell also deserves reasonable credit for pulling of the role of Barry fresh off of the release of his animated comedy, “Despicable Me.”



Grade: C+

The chemistry between Rudd and Carell is aided by two more schmucks, Therman (Zach Galifianakis) and Kieran (Jemaine Clement). Therman is Barry’s boss and his ex-wife’s new lover, and steals the spotlight in several scenes that match the awkwardness of Galifianakis’s character in “The Hangover.” Kieran is a sex-crazed artist who lives with goats and hopes to break Tim and Julie up. Cinematic newcomer Jemaine Clement performed admirably in this role, adding one more layer of idiocy to the plot.

The director, Jay Roach, has certainly made his bones in the comedic arena. His previous films, such as “Brüno,” “Borat,” “50 First Dates” and “Meet the Parents” help to put in perspective his emphasis on on-line hilarity in “Dinner for Schmucks.”

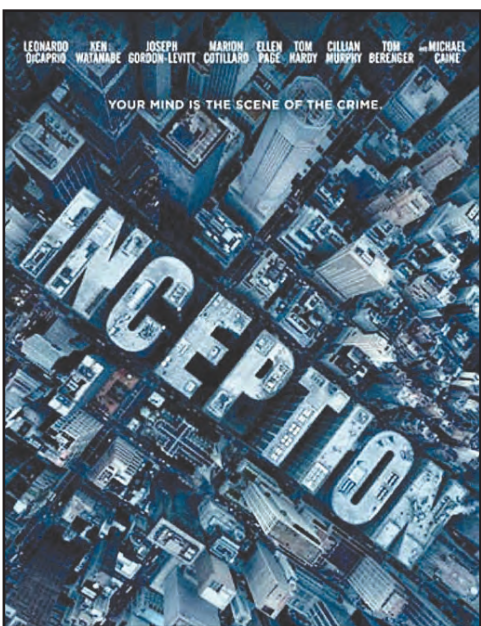
I noted while watching “Dinner for Schmucks” that I would occasionally laugh out loud, usually at Carell. After the movie was over, I found myself satisfied overall with the movie but not entirely impressed. It will most likely be compared to the upcoming comedy “The Other Guys,” starring Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg, which seems to rely on the same sort of humor as “Dinner for Schmucks.”

If you find yourself with some extra time and money, “Dinner for Schmucks” is a good movie to go see with friends. Otherwise, you may want to wait for its release in the Red Box.

CHRIS MOSKALY
REVIEWER

Christopher Nolan’s ‘Inception’ is one of the most intelligent films I have ever seen in my life. To say that it provokes heavy thought would be the biggest understatement since the director’s cut of ‘Donnie Darko,’ and I mean that as a compliment in every way possible. This film is a Masterpiece!

There’s always been a fine line in Hollywood that separates the typical whodunit mysteries from the powerful mind-benders, and it usually begins with the concept of your everyday crossword puzzle. It’s fun when you’re just getting started, but then as you solve more clues, the rest tend to just fall right into place, leaving you with nothing but a filled out piece of paper. ‘Inception’ gives you plenty of blanks to get the ball rolling, but then just when you think you’re on the verge of finishing it, ten more clues are suddenly added on to what you’ve already got. What Christopher Nolan has crafted here is more complex than ‘Memento,’ and far more twisted than ‘Insomnia,’ but in order to get the full effect, it would behoove you to know nothing about it as you walk in. The marketing behind ‘Inception’ presents the film as a heist thriller set within the backdrop of a dreamworld. That is true to a certain degree, but the bulk of the narrative isn’t so much about a dream as it is about the person living inside the dream. That person is Dom Cobb (Leonard DiCaprio), a talented thief who has a gift for extracting ideas from the subconscious of his clients as they rest in a dream-state. Cobb’s talent has made him one of the most coveted figures in the world of espionage corporation, but on a personal level it has also torn him up inside, and for good reason. The personality of DiCaprio’s character is very unique in the sense that Cobb seems to already know where the future will take him. Not because he can actually predict or see it (which he can’t), but because he dreams of it so much to the point where reality and inner-dementia are coexisting in his own mind. Nolan clearly has something to say about the way human beings perceive their own dreams. When Cobb is offered a chance to redeem himself by planting a new idea into someone’s mind, it soon becomes apparent that any man’s subconscious could



Grade: A

very well be the worst thing that ever happened to them, especially when someone else may be tampering with the strings. Along with DiCaprio comes an ensemble of young talents, all of whom are either recently established by other means, or soon-to-be lifted by this very film. Among them are the ever-so-beautiful Ellen Page, a cocky Joseph Gordon-Levitt, and a typical bad-guy’s wife type Marion Cotillard. Each character brings a very specific motive to the table, and even when it appears as though fate has dealt them a hand we could’ve predicted, it’s all the more compelling to see them reshuffle the deck and keep us wondering what they’ll do next.

I’ve noticed about Christopher Nolan’s work that he is purely an innovator, and not an imitator. He holds true to his own beliefs on the subject matter of his films, but he also has a special nag for making the unlikely appear as realistic as possible.

The biggest attribute to a film like ‘Inception’ is the fact that it is wholly original in every respect. It doesn’t just create a world of its own, but it lives and breathes within that world so much that we ourselves begin to feel seduced by it. Whether it’s watching people tangle in a lop-sided hallway or seeing an entire city fold over on top of itself, the sky is the ultimate limit when the totem keeps spinning.



The Bobcat Card office is located in the lower level of the Maxwell Student Union.



The Box Office Books store is located at 135 West Hancock Street in Downtown Milledgeville.



Drake Simons / Senior Photographer Einstein Bros. Bagels is located in the Maxwell Student Union.

Auxiliary services works to serve GCSU community on campus

SUBMITTED BY GREG BROWN

As another school term begins, it is an annual tradition for each department to showcase or explain their programs to incoming students. There is so much to learn, and it is not limited to the classroom environment. One of the more unique departments within GCSU is the conglomerate of Auxiliary Services. Many of you have never heard of this department and those who have would be hard-pressed to define it; yet each of you has dealings with one or more of its subsidiaries every day.

In a nutshell, Auxiliary Services operates or oversees nearly everything retail at Georgia College. This includes GCSU bookstores, Box Office Books located at the old Campus Theatre downtown and PawPrints Bookstore located on the lawn level of the Maxwell Student Union. Inside the PawPrints Bookstore you will

not only find the spirit store and a gift shop, but also MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union and the Bobcat Card office, your all-in-one card provider, also operated by Auxiliary Services.

Another unit within this unique department is Parking & Transportation Services, set up to provide you with that all-important parking permit. This office also operates the entire shuttle program which runs from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The biggest asset within Auxiliary Services is the dining program, operated by Sodexo Campus Services. This is not just the dining hall either. It includes all the retail dining outlets across campus as well – like Chick-fil-A, Blimpie Subs & Salads, Books & Brew Starbucks Cafe, Einstein Bros. Bagels and World of Wings located on central campus; and at West Campus we offer The Village Market and Sandella’s Flat Bread. For those late night munchies, run out to

the Bobcat Card-ready vending machines; swipe the card, and with a little CatCash you have that snack in hand.

Auxiliary Services also operates and manages the college cable TV system and your state-of-the-art laundry facilities. With machines telling you when they are empty or when your load is finished, it’s the next best thing to taking them home to mom.

It is the job of Auxiliary Services to provide you with the best services to meet your needs of daily living so that you can concentrate on the important stuff like homework and classes. For more information on each of the units within Auxiliary Services, visit our web page at www.gcsu.edu/businessandfinance/auxiliaryservices.htm or just go to the index of the GCSU home page and look under A for Auxiliary Services. If you would like to see other services offered, give us a call and we will see what we can do. After all, we’re here for you.

Counseling Services welcomes new students

SUBMITTED BY MARY JANE PHILLIPS

Welcome students to the start of a new academic year! Whether you are an entering freshman or a graduating senior, the staff of Counseling Services wishes you a happy, healthy and successful year. We are located at 132 Lanier Hall, and our staff is available to help you with:

- Personal Counseling: Individual and group concerns such as relationships, anxiety and depression
- Career Counseling & Assessment: Deciding on a major and a career field; career testing
- Academic Counseling: Time management, study skills, test-taking and test anxiety
- Alcohol and Drug Education: Learning about alcohol and drugs, screening and referral for treatment
- Referral: Assistance in locating additional sources of help, both on and off campus
- Medication Management: Part-time psychiatric services for students who wish to start medication in conjunction with counseling
- Consultation: Helping others who are concerned about a student
- Presentations: May be arranged for your student organization, class, etc.

We are a group of licensed or license-eligible mental health professionals. Our services are free, confidential and voluntary.

We also offer group counseling during the year. If you are interested in a particular topic come tell us about it. We will be advertising groups as they are scheduled.

For more information, call us at (478) 445-5331 or stop by 132 Lanier Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can also visit our website at www.gcsu.edu/counseling

Hillel educates campus about Jewish culture

SUBMITTED BY KAREN BERMAN

A new student activities club, the Goodrich Hillel, is open to all students, but is a special home away from home for Jewish students on campus. Hillel is a worldwide organization and in over 500 colleges in the U.S.

Our GCSU Hillel has opened its heart to raising funds for the Boys and Girls Club, creating a teach and learn for high school students about the Holocaust, and bringing Anti-

Defamation League Regional Director Bill Nigut to speak on campus about discrimination and diversity during the Human Rights Symposium.

With activities from challah bread baking, game night, bagel brunch, Chanukah parties, and Passover Seders, the GCSU Hillel teaches all students about the Jewish culture in a fun and welcoming way.

Faculty advisor Karen Berman at karen.berman@gcsu.edu looks forward to hearing from all who wish to participate.

Spotlight:

Tips for making and maintaining friendships

Whether new to GCSU or returning for another year everyone is excited to meet their friends. But reconnecting from a long summer apart can be almost as daunting as making new friends so here are some tips to get started.

Making new friends:

These tips aren't just for the freshmen; there is plenty of room in even a senior's circle of friends for some new faces.

- Join clubs: Meeting people with similar interests couldn't be easier than joining the right club.

- Talk to the upperclassmen: They have wisdom to impart on majors and future careers and they aren't that scary even if they are a little older.

- Talk to people in class: Compliments go a long way especially for girls. A simple "I like your shoes" could spark an interesting conversation.

- Never wait for the other person to start the conversation: Some people are just too shy or lazy to do it on their own so make the effort to talk and there might be the reward of a new friend to be made.

- Step out of your comfort zone: There may be people on campus or in your classes that you don't know if you have anything in common with. Make an effort and you might surprise yourself with a new friendship.

- Get close to those in your major: You will be spending four years with the same people in the same classes. Create relationships with your peers to make the classes more bearable.

Reconnecting with old friends:

It might be hard to make time for friends from home or even last year especially if everyone has moved to different dorms or apartment complexes. Make an effort to maintain those friendships.

- Grab lunch, dinner or breakfast: This is easy when everyone has a meal plan, but if not then someone can offer to cook at his or her apartment.

- Study together: If friends have similar classes at different times then they can still follow this advice.

- Throw a party: There isn't a college student that doesn't love a good party so invite friends over and have a good time.

- Organize trips to the grocery store: Everyone needs groceries and they also need to save money on gas so friends can take turns driving each other and can catch up with news along the way.

- Snail Mail: Don't forget the value of the Postal Service. Sending letters is a lost, but much appreciated habit. If you have friends that live far away, pick up a stamp and send them a letter!

- Facebook: It may not be as personal as a phone call or a letter, but we all know that it is the easiest way to keep up with others.

By Danielle Paluga and Amanda Boddy

Upcoming auditions for The Rocky Horror Picture Show



FILE PHOTO
From left, junior theatre major Parker Elliot, junior theatre and business major Hannah Schumacher and junior theatre major Matt Riley perform in last year's "Rocky Horror Picture Show." The show is performed by a shadow cast while the movie is played in the background. The show is traditionally performed on Halloween to interactive crowds.

SUBMITTED BY
DOTTIE PRATT

The Clarke Street Glitter Lips is GCSU's "Rocky Horror Picture Show" shadow cast. The Clarke Street Glitter Lips recently underwent a name change from the Clarke Street Lip Sitters in order to showcase their trademark: glitter lipstick.

The group has been around since 2008 and has been performing Halloween

shows since then.

The Clarke Street Glitter Lips is a student-run theater organization open to all majors that presents an annual Halloween midnight production of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Auditions for the 2010 Glitter Lips are Sept. 7 at 10:45 p.m. in Russell Auditorium, and all are welcome. Those auditioning should expect to sing a verse and chorus from a song from

The Rocky Horror Picture Show, and they should know how to Time Warp.

More specific information will be available online by mid-August. The Clarke Street Glitter Lips are auditioning for all parts from the movie as well as dancers for the pre-show and an MC.

For more information about auditions, the cast or the show, visit the website at rockyonclarke.orm or join the Facebook fan page.

The GIVE Center: GCSU's resource to serve others

SUBMITTED BY
KENDALL STILES

The GIVE (Georgia College & State University Involved in Volunteer Efforts) Center is your community service center on campus. It is located on the first floor of Ennis Hall, which is across from Chick-fil-A and beside the Student Activities Center. Last year we worked with close to 2,000 students, who gave back over 70,000 volunteer hours. It is easy to volunteer in our community.

The first step to start the orientation and training is to fill out a volunteer profile packet and bring in your driver's license and Bobcat Card to be copied for your background check. The background check will take about a week to come back, but you can finish the next two steps while you are waiting by joining iVolunteer in OrgSync and watching a few training videos online. Once that is completed and you have decided where you want to volunteer, you are ready to start. The GIVE Center works with over 50 agencies and 70 service programs and projects. Your options are unlimited and

vastly. If you would like to take on a leadership role with a project or program you can do that too.

We are always looking for new service leaders each year. Don't worry if you have no prior experience because we can train you to be the best service leader you can be. The one thing we cannot do for you is make you have passion for a cause. However we can give you the opportunity to learn the leadership skills you need to be a strong service leader once you decide which cause you have a passion for. We have a monthly networking and training meeting called Pacesetters open to the entire campus on the last Monday of the month from 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in Dogwood on the third floor of the Student Activities Center. Please come out and join us for these great learning meetings.

This year our theme is 7200- Make It Count! The 7200 is referring to how many seconds in a week we would like to encourage, motivate and inspire you to give back to your community. If you do that within a 12-month period, you will

have performed at least 100 hours of service, which is what it takes to earn the national President's Volunteer Service Award. Our goal this year is to have at least 165 students earn this prestigious award. For this award only, these hours are run from January to December of a certain year. If you earn this award, you are invited to attend our nice sit-down dinner in April with all of the deans, vice presidents and President Leland. Also you will get to wear a medallion and be recognized at your graduation. You don't want to miss out on that opportunity, now do you?

This year for performing and tracking volunteer hours, an individual student will earn a \$10 iTunes gift card each month, and at the end of the year one lucky student will win a Nintendo Wii. We have gray GIVE Center volunteer tracking drop-off boxes all over campus for you to turn in your hours. These tracking boxes get checked weekly. This year, as you can see, there are a lot of ways that you can be counted in The GIVE Center. Come see us and be ready to make a difference!

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A lot has changed from last year to this year. If you're a returning student, or do very thorough research on GCSU before enrolling, you'd know that The Colonnade looked different last year.

We did a redesign in hopes of making your reading experience more pleasurable. The Colonnade always works extremely hard to bring you the most fair and complete coverage of the GCSU campus community happenings. We haven't always presented this news in the most reader-friendly way.

Our goal this year is to make getting the information you want easier. Whether you visit our website, GCSUnade.com, or you faithfully pick up our paper issue, we hope to bring you important content in a manner you'll enjoy.

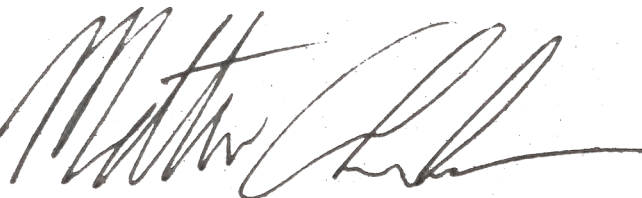
The Colonnade staff is also working hard to reveal more about ourselves and how we work. Hopefully by the end of the semester you'll realize the newspapers don't just materialize in the racks all over campus. We don't want the process, or ourselves, to really be a secret. Too often mysteries lead to distrust and suspicion which is the opposite of what we want our readers to feel about us.

To help shine some light on our newsroom, we've started a blog (ournewsroomatnight.blogspot.com) and we're using Twitter and Facebook. We'll also be using these websites more to try and find out what you, the reader, need. Newspapers have always been open to criticism and suggestions, but never before have we had so many ways to instantly get feedback from the community.

We hope that you take advantage of the amazing technological tools we now have to communicate. Whether you tweet, comment, call or—like they did in the old days—stop by in person, The Colonnade promises to listen. Our duty is to inform, as well as serve, the public. Without you, we wouldn't exist.

So thank you. For being you—and for reading us.

Sincerely,



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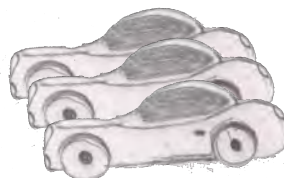
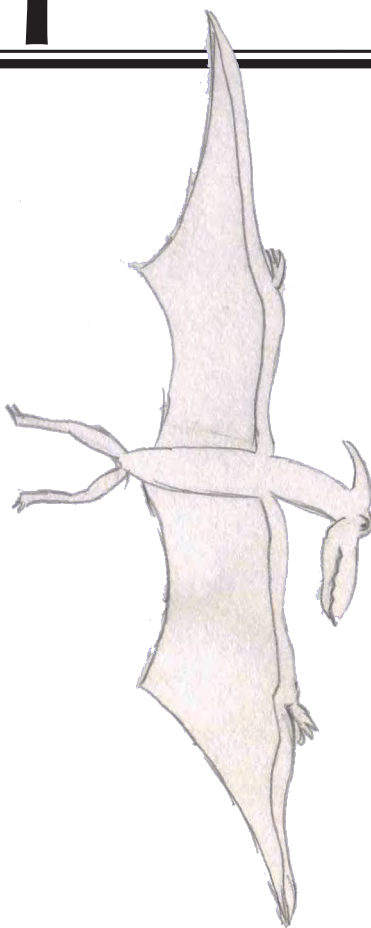


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Warning— Pterodactyls

Dear freshman,

Undoubtedly you are scared, and if you aren't, then you're lying to yourself, which is a sign of schizophrenia. During your orientation, someone told you key safety tips for your college career like never letting a stranger in your dorm, leaving your laptop unattended, or taking Adderall from dealers who haven't washed their hands. While these tips are important, I want to focus your attention on the most complicated aspect of GCSU—student parking.

Although tickets and intoxicated strangers backing into your car on Thursday night are obvious threats to your vehicle, there is a greater danger. Pterodactyls. As you've seen in fact based accounts such as "Jurassic Park" or "We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story," these sky beasts can return at any given moment, and it is your job to protect yourself.

Many of you are asking, "Why are pterodactyls attracted to parking lots?" The answer is simple—easy picking. Where else could they easily for hours until a meal drives up? Although, they could do the community a service by eliminating parking-lot muggers, the



STEVE
HOLBERT

cons sadly outweigh the pros.

In case of a pterodactyl attack I have compiled the following survival tips for future reference. You may be laughing now, but once Petrie's father—who was removed from the show because he was cold-blooded killer and socialist—appears, the laughter will be replaced with tears of anguish and death. You will be cut down in your prime, and the world will never know what you could have done with your degree. Unless you're a creative writing major, then the world will know you would've been homeless and the school would not return the hefty tuition check to your parents.

The key to survival is always carpooling, but never through the tall grass. Once everyone is together, you can easily draw straws or draw guns to figure out who will exit the car first and scout for danger. This could also be an aus-

picious moment to rid yourself of bad roommates, ex-girlfriends, or those kids who treated you terribly in high school, but now want to be best friends because they're in a new environment. If you are a too nice to sacrifice a friend, I suggest riding with a stranger possibly a senior citizen whose medications or getting to expensive or a homeless man who panhandles outside your dorm.

The final step to survival is being resourceful. If you are picked up by a pterodactyl, you could always swipe it with your Bobcat Card. It won't save your life, but you could do it. Therefore, always carry around something you can easily use for self defense. Most girls already come to college with mace and a taser, which works perfectly. I highly recommend a copy of Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" because it's heavy and shows extinct creatures you mean business.

If you are uncomfortable with being attacked by vicious sky killers, I suggest writing the city of Milledgeville about building a parking deck.

Comedic as always,
Steve Holbert

A race neither party will win

We have less than three months until the midterm elections, and the campaign season is in its full swing. Fiery rhetoric is spewing from both sides, campaign ads are running day in and day out, and the political pundits and prognosticators are in an endless debate on whether the Republicans or Democrats will be victorious this November.

In my observation of both parties this season, it doesn't seem like either party will actually win. Not yet, anyway. As it appears, the party that comes out on top this fall will not do it because of the popularity of its agenda, but because they've made themselves look just a little less incompetent than the other.

The problem with the GOP is that they are failing to communicate a solid and specific agenda. There may be three or four things they talk about, such as limited spending, more tax cuts, repealing Obamacare and reducing the deficit. Their talking points are very broad, and lack any real meat. I suspect really that's what they want. They don't want to lay out specific ideas of their own, because then the midterm elections actually become a choice between the two parties. The GOP would prefer to make it all about the Democrats. That's not a positive agenda. All this strategy does is show voters what they're against, not what they're in favor of.

What makes things worse for the GOP this season, is the frequent gaffes



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and blunders by some in their party. From Rand Paul to Joe Barton to Michael Steele, the GOP keeps making missteps and giving the Democrats ammunition they never thought they'd have. If Nevada Senate nominee Sharron Angle isn't running from the press, she's saying things that make many people raise eyebrows. Voters in Nevada really don't like her opponent Harry Reid, but they think Angle is crazy. Harry Reid's candidacy was left for dead, until Angle was nominated. These types of untested, gaffe-ready candidates are springing up all across the country. If the GOP doesn't get control of them soon, they're going to perform much worse in an environment that should be a cakewalk for them.

As for the Democrats, their plight is a little different than that of the GOP. In the past 20 months, they've accomplished monumental achievements. The new health care law, Wall Street reform, and student loan reform are all things that, in any other environment, would probably be a huge plus in an election year. The party would be able to tout the fact that, in

less than two years, it has accomplished a great deal. Yet, a thick stagnant cloud overshadows all of these accomplishments. That cloud is unemployment, which is now hovering right around 10 percent. It's great to have accomplished what they have, but the fact is, the number one issue in voters' minds is jobs. Everything else is below that on the totem pole. It's the steady increase in both unemployment and underemployment that will define this race. These high levels won't be changing for the better in the near future. This party in power is stuck with this through November, and there's not much they can do about it. We hear them say it could have been worse. Sure, they're definitely right, but that message doesn't exactly resonate with many voters. Add in the pending ethics charges of high-ranking Democratic lawmakers, Charlie Rangel and Maxine Waters, and the Democrats' image is not looking the best right now.

The left is desperately trying to hold power, while the right is feverishly attempting to take it away. There's plenty of time between now and November, so it's hard to tell just yet, which side will actually pull it off. One thing's for sure; neither party's current strategies are helping them. Right now, it's just a simple matter of which side screws up less than the other.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Students,

Welcome, GCSU students!

GCSU is a very special place and we are delighted that you are here. Whether this is your first semester here or whether you already know us well and have returned to continue your studies, I want to welcome you to GCSU.

Part of what makes GCSU so special is its public liberal arts mission. No other public university in Georgia shares this designation. This means that you have chosen a university uniquely focused on serving the state’s brightest students as a small college alternative to the large research universities. Your education at GCSU features close interaction with accomplished faculty and talented students. We offer a wealth of opportunities for engaged, transformative learning both inside and outside the classroom.

As with other aspects of your life, the more you put into your educational experiences at GCSU, the more you will reap benefits. When you are actively involved in the learning process – whether it’s making a classroom presentation, questioning an assumption, exploring a new perspective or applying what you’ve

you to develop your academic abilities and personal talents. As a public liberal arts university, we will do all that we can to help you emerge from college with strong communication skills, with critical and analytical thinking skills, with a broad understanding of global issues and an appreciation for diversity. We will do everything we can to help you develop your ability to integrate information across disciplines and to apply knowledge to the issues at hand. We hope to provide you with a foundation for making moral and ethical decisions and a sense of civic commitment that will carry you confidently throughout your lifetime.

For the faculty and staff at GCSU, it is always a delight to see you grow your talents and understanding. Stay engaged and connected, participate actively in the learning process, and stretch yourself from time to time beyond your comfort zone—do these things and I promise you that your time at GCSU will be treasured throughout your lifetime.

Sincerely,

*Dorothy Leland,
President of GCSU*

Welcome to (or back to) GCSU. Those of us who work on the campus are excited to see you and eager to trade a very hot summer for a new academic year that promises to be even hotter (but in a good way). As you get down to business with the fall semester, here are some key things to know or remember:

West Campus Construction and Improvements

On or around Aug. 19, construction work should begin on the new 100,000 square-foot Wellness and Recreation Center at the West Campus that is slated to open in Fall 2011. The facility will include three indoor courts, a competition swimming pool and a recreation pool, an indoor track, and spaces for weight training, cardio-vascular training, yoga, and other fitness activities in addition to the Student Health Center and GCSU Counseling Services Center. In addition to the construction of the WRC in the current large parking lot, construction will begin on revised shuttle access facilities, turn and deceleration lanes at the intersection of U.S. 441 Bypass and West Campus Drive, and an enhanced entrance to the West Campus. If you live on the West Campus, you’ll be getting information regarding any of the construction activity that may impact you.

(No) Firearms on Campus

On June 8, Governor Sonny Perdue signed into law a bill that made changes to the Georgia law regarding gun possession. Though the new state law reduces gun possession on campus to a misdemeanor, it is important for all GCSU students to know that GCSU judicial sanctions for unlawful possession of a firearm on campus will continue to be intentionally severe, and may likely include suspension or expulsion from the university. A license to carry a weapon does not provide an exception to this restriction.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Colonnade encourages readers to express their views and opinions by sending letters to the editor at: CBX 2442; Milledgeville, GA 31061 or by e-mail at colonnadeletters@gsu.edu. Readers can also log onto GCSUnade.com and post comments on articles to voice opinions.

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Bobcat Beat

REPORTED BY BOBBY GENTRY

“What are you most looking forward to this year?”



“I’m ready to graduate, I’ve done my time, I’m ready to get out of here.”

Rachael Busler, senior community health major



“Deep Roots because it is a community event that brings Milledgeville together with awesome music.”

Ryan Bennett, sophomore psychology and liberal studies major



“I’m looking forward to my first time teaching as it is an important first step in becoming a professor.”

Cara Jackson, graduate student English major



“I’m excited about meeting new people, specifically foreign ones as I find it interesting to learn about other cultures.”

Jamie Lebrun, junior nursing major



“I’m looking forward to graduation and moving beyond this step in my life.”

Josh Gale, senior art major



“I’m excited to have all my friends as neighbors which we’re calling the nook.”

Emma Neale, senior early childhood education major



“I’m looking forward to forging close personal bonds with my residents as a Bell Hall residence hall.”

Richard Halkyard, junior creative writing major

POLL OF THE WEEK

What kind of changes would you like to see in The Colonnade’s content?



Change	Percentage
More Greek life	28%
More photo spreads	23%
More world news	17%
More how-to guides	15%
More profiles	9%
More reviews	6%
Other	2%

Next week’s question:
Question will go here.

- Yes
- No
- I already know where I’m living

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Bobcats dominant once again in Peach Belt Conference

GCSU wins second consecutive Commissioner's Cup for best athletics

SUBMITTED BY AL WESTON

In 2008-09, the GCSU Athletic Department was awarded the Peach Belt Conference's all-sports trophy, the Commissioner's Cup, for the first time in school history. So what does Bobcat Athletics do for an encore? GCSU made it back-to-back, capturing the coveted cup for the second-straight season.

GCSU took the Commissioner's Cup this season with strong performances across the board, led by conference championships in baseball and men's golf. GCSU women's cross country also took second at the PBC Championships in the fall. Bobcat men's and women's basketball each won the PBC West Division, the men finishing second overall, and the women third.

Men's tennis also took third place, with women's soccer also pulling in a third-place slot. All told, of the 10 athletic programs at GCSU, a whopping seven finished in the top three or better in their respective league standings. Seven of the 10 programs also advanced to NCAA post-season competition, including the Bobcat baseball team, finishing third in the nation at the Division II College World Series in Cary, North Carolina. The 2010-11 athletics season be-

gins with women's soccer against Anderson University Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Catch new head coach Hope Clark and the Bobcats at Bobcat Field on West Campus. Cross country also hosts a meet on the West Campus Cross Country Course that night.

The Centennial Center offers some of the best basketball Division II has to offer, as both programs are coming off 20-win seasons. The men's basketball team also earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the second-straight season. Under the guidance of new head coach Maurice Smith, a Bobcat alum, the women are sure to impress as well. Get geared up for the season with Midnight Madness in mid-October.

The spring semester is chock full of action, with baseball, softball, golf and tennis all doing battle. The baseball team ended its season in the semifinals of the 2010 College World Series, and looks to defend conference and region titles this season. Softball has a new coach in Jamie Grodecki, and only lost two seniors from a team that has made the NCAA Tournament in four of the last five seasons. The tennis teams compete in one of the toughest conferences in all of Division II, and also sport lengthy streaks of NCAA Tournament appearances.



SUBMITTED BY AL WESTON

From left to right: GCSU Athletic Director Wendell Staton, President Dorothy Leland and Dean Bruce Harshbarger pose with the 2008-09 and 2009-10 Commissioner's Cups. The award is handed out annually to the athletic program that boasts the best overall athletic performance in the Peach Belt Conference. GCSU has 10 athletic teams that compete in the conference: men's and women's cross country, women's soccer, men's golf, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, and men's and women's tennis.

Staton anticipates more success for GCSU



Staton

SCOTTY THOMPSON
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU Athletic Director Wendell Staton is hard to miss around campus. The tall, distinguished gentleman peruses the campus daily, dressed in suit and tie, regardless of weather, shaking hands and striking up conversations with students and faculty members. In fact, it's not uncommon to find him eating amongst students in the dining hall. His vibrant personality, sense of humor and energy have made him a popular figure since arriving to GCSU last October. That extends into the Milledgeville and Baldwin County community where Staton goes and meets as many people as he can, informing them of the success

the university's athletic program has enjoyed.

Staton's first year proved to be successful, as GCSU won its second consecutive Commissioner's Cup, awarded to the best overall athletic program in the Peach Belt Conference. Staton's biggest goals are to make sure the program has success on the field, in the class room and in the community as well as to get as many people out to the games as possible. Here are some of his thoughts on the 2010-2011 academic year.

What did you think about your first year as Athletic Director at GCSU?

I was very pleased that we were able to once again be the best in the conference on and off the field. We have great players and great student athletes here that are so well rounded and such great people. We were very proud of what we accomplished here last year.

What are you looking forward to this year? What are some of your goals for the athletic department?

We want to make sure our coaches and players do the very best they can, whether it be on the field or court, in the classroom or out in the community as ambassadors of the university. We

want to keep those basic components in mind and strive to build character in representatives from our department. We want to continue to encourage the campus and community to come and support our teams when they play.

What are some of the new things on campus for the athletic department this year?

The biggest thing is that we have three new head coaches in our department this year. We've got Mo Smith coaching women's basketball. Hope Clark is our new soccer coach. And Jamie Grodecki will be coaching softball for us. That's quite a bit of change for a department our size. We have ten sports here, but only eight head coaches because Joe Samprone coaches both cross country teams, and Steve Barsby coaches both tennis teams.

But out of eight head coaches, three of them are new. That's a lot of turnover for one year. It's really uncharted territory for us. We'll have new folks on board getting used to a new environment. There will be new student athletes getting used to things as well as returners getting used to the new coaches. It's going to be a fun year.

What do you enjoy the most about being Athletic Director at GCSU?

The thing I love most is being around such a vibrant student body. In all the places I've worked and been around, I've never seen a group of students as engaged as this one is. I walk around campus what seems like 100 times every day and I meet so many students and faculty, and it's just awesome. I love being around the kids more than anything.

What is your message to the Bobcat faithful this year?

I would encourage everyone to get involved. We think we've got a great product here. It's terrific entertainment for the students and faculty as well as the community and its families.

The campus is right here in town; it's perfect location. We've got one of the finest athletic programs in the country right here in Milledgeville and Baldwin County.

So we want everyone to come out and see us. You're going to see us doing a lot more externally to get more people in the community involved with Georgia College athletics.

We want to fill everything up. We want every game to look like Homecoming.



FILE PHOTO

Malkowski went 6-1 with a 3.58 ERA for the Bobcats in 2010 and lead them to the semi-finals of the NCAA Division II College World Series. He now pitches for the Quebec Las Capitales.

Former Bobcat baseball players having success

SUBMITTED BY
AL WESTON

The GCSU baseball team is well known for turning out several players at the professional level. Here are some of the ones currently making their way up through the professional ranks.

Michael Antonini (2007)

Pitcher for the Binghamton Mets of the Eastern League, Double-A affiliate of the New York Mets ... Has posted a 6-9 record in 22 games started ... Leads the team with 125 1/3 innings pitched this season ... Also leads the team with 103 strikeouts ... Has an ERA of 4.45 ...

Most recently started against Erie July 30, struggling in 3 2/3 innings with seven runs in a no-decision, fanning five ... Binghamton currently sits in fourth place in the Eastern League's Eastern Division with a record

of 54-56.

Andrew Reichard (2007)

Pitcher for the nearby Augusta GreenJackets of the South Atlantic League, Single-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants ... Is currently 2-0 with a 3.67 ERA ... Has struck out 50 batters in 56 1/3 innings of work ... Had a quality start against Charlotte Aug. 3, going seven innings, fanning six and allowing four runs in a no-decision ... Has thrown at least six innings in his last eight appearances ...

Augusta is 19-18 in the second half, fifth in the SAL Southern Division.

Alex Burkard (2010)

Pitcher for the AZL Angels, Rookie ball affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels ... Has struck out 18 in 12.2 innings of work ... Has an ERA of 6.39 ...

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BREAKING
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CALEB RULE
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Freshmen, welcome! Transfer students too! Bobcat veterans, welcome back!

It's my privileged honor (Does that exist? It does now.) to take on the challenge of entertaining each and every one of you for every edition of an award-winning college newspaper.

Oh, and occasionally I might try to make you think (but it's hard enough for me, so no promises). But no matter what, I hope you enjoy reading our newspaper, and please, feel free to stop me on campus to talk or send an e-mail.

Sports fans like having their opinion heard; so give me yours, and I'll hit you back.

First off, today's rule to break: Never hold out for a new contract when you already have one. You sign the line; you've committed.

Be a man (Notice you don't hear the lady athletes whining about their contracts?) and fulfill your word. Greed never helped anyone.

Now to kick off the year and this column, here's three thoughts I have as the school year begins:

Year of the 3-peat?

Nationally and locally, the number three will be more important than ever. The Los Angeles Lakers (and Phil Jackson) want to win three straight for a fourth time, the most in NBA history.

The Philadelphia Phillies, thick in the middle of a heated National League East pennant race, want their third consecutive division title.

GCSU athletics hopes this season, to win a third straight Commissioner's Cup, given by the Peach Belt Conference to the best athletic program overall based on performance (proof that all of our athletic events are worth attending.).

Conflict will always keep us talking.

LeBron James' decision to leave Cleveland with a universally-hated one hour show. Countless NFL contract holdouts. Venus Williams' French Open wardrobe. No matter what your opinion is, chances are you have one. And that's enough to start a good conversation. Heck, start one with me.

I hope to have a mailbag article where you question and voice your opinion, and we (the sports staff) respond. See the italics at the bottom of this article.

GCSU likes their championships.

The baseball team nearly won the Division II College World Series this summer, and that's just for starters.

Our basketball, softball, tennis, cross country and soccer teams are highly talented and proven championship winners. The school's athletic Web site proves it. Check them out.

I look forward to a year of sports with you, and welcome back to campus!

Contact Caleb Rule via facebook message or at calebrule.com; check out <http://milledgevillessportstalk.blogspot.com> for podcasts of his weekly radio show on WGUR 88.9 FM

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The Short Stop



Upcoming Games

Soccer:

Aug. 17	6 p.m.	@Kennesaw St
Sept. 3	12 p.m.	Fla. Southern

Golf:

Sept. 6	All Day	Kiawah Island
Sept. 7	All Day	Kiawah Island

Quote of the Week

"It wouldn't surprise me one way or the other whether he elects to play or whether he elects to retire. I think all of us can live with it either way. The big thing is that he's at peace with it."

— Minnesota Vikings head coach Brad Childress on QB Brett Favre's decision on whether or not to retire from football. (ESPN.com).

Notable Stat

497

Number of touchdown passes thrown by Brett Favre in his career. It is an all-time NFL high. He also has the most wins of all time.

A new Hope for Bobcat soccer program

GCSU hires Clark to become third head coach in program's history

SCOTTY THOMPSON
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU soccer team will be under new direction this fall, after the Bobcats hired Hope Clark as the third head coach in the program's history last month. GCSU's former coach Juan Pablo Favero announced in April that he was moving back to his native Argentina.

Clark spent the previous three seasons as the head coach at Auburn University Montgomery. Over that three-year span, the Lady Senators went 35-22-4, including a birth in the second round of the 2009 NAIA National Championship Tournament in 2009. Prior to that, she spent time as an assistant coach at the University of Tampa and at American University. She also was the boys' soccer head coach at Spalding High School in Georgia.

Clark also played semi-professional soccer in 2005 and 2006 with the Atlanta Silverbacks in the women's division of the United Soccer Leagues.

She played her collegiate soccer at Virginia Tech as a goalkeeper.

Now she is inheriting a program that garnered its third consecutive 10-win season in 2009 with a 10-6-5 mark and a 5-1-4 finish in Peach Belt Conference play, earning them

third place.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for me. I'm excited to come back to Georgia. The players down here always have a very good output, and that's what we're looking for this season," Clark said. "This program has had success, and we will be looking to continue that success and raise the bar a little higher here."

GCSU Athletic Director Wendell Staton stated at a press conference that he is excited about the hire.

"We are thrilled that (Coach) Clark has decided to lead our soccer program at Georgia College. She has proven herself as an outstanding head coach while leading her last program to national success," Staton said. "The winning on the field was equaled by the success of the team in the classroom and in the community."

Even though the season is fast approaching, Clark hasn't been able to get too well acquainted with her players.

"I haven't gotten much time with them yet, but I know they are good players, and I am rather confident the returning players will work hard and get the job done," Clark said.

The Bobcats kick off their 2010 campaign on Aug. 17 when they travel to Kennesaw State at 6 p.m..



DRAKE SIMONS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GCSU Athletic Director Wendell Staton and President Dorothy Leland are pictured with new soccer head coach Hope Clark (right). Clark spent the previous three seasons at Auburn University-Montgomery. She played semi-professional soccer for the Atlanta Silverbacks in 2005 and 2006.

BASEBALL

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Most recently threw Aug. 3 against the Giants, striking out two while allowing a run in 1.1 innings of relief ... The AZL Angels are currently 14-20.

Brooks Robinson (2009)

Infielder for the Kalamazoo Kings of the independent Frontier League ... Hitting .230 in 34 games played ... Has one home run and one triple ... Has scored 13 runs along with 10 RBI ... The Kings are currently struggling with a record of 17-49.

Pete Paris (2009)

Catcher for the Windy City Thunderbolts of the independent Frontier League ... Has seen action in 14 games, hitting .265 with two RBI and eight runs ... Windy City is 37-28, second in the East Division.

Brandon Malkowski (2010)

Pitcher for the Quebec Las Capitaes of the independent Can-Am League ... Has made two appearances, tossing three innings and allowing just one unearned run for a 0.00 ERA ...

The towering righty has also fanned three while not walking any ... Quebec is 8-6 and second in Can-Am second half.

Softball hires new coach for 2011



Grodecki

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There will be new leadership for the GCSU softball team next season. The Bobcats announced the hiring of Jamie Madewell-Grodecki as the new head coach last month.

Madewell-Grodecki is the fourth fastpitch head coach in the school's history and will be taking over for former head coach Ginger Chaffinch, who was promoted to Assistant Athletic Director.

"I'm excited to be here and join in a winning tradition," Madewell-Grodecki said.

Madewell-Grodecki spent the previous three seasons as the head coach at St. Petersburg College. In each of the past three years, her teams finished second in the Suncoast Conference and earned trips to the FCCAA State Tournament, amassing an overall record of 102-51-1.

Prior to that, she spent two years as the head coach at Southern Arkansas University, where her teams reached the conference tournament both years. She was an assistant coach for four years, two at Delta State and two at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. She was a two-sport athlete at Alabama-Huntsville, playing softball and volleyball.

"We are excited that (Madewell-Grodecki) will be leading our program," GCSU Athletic Director Wendell Staton said in a press conference introducing the new coach. "She brings so many talents to our department and represents the complete package as a coach; great work ethic, an outstanding tactician and recruiter, and she will challenge our student-athletes to strive for excellence."

The Bobcats went through a rebuilding season in 2010, led mostly by sophomores and

freshmen. Their 13-32 finish was their first losing season since 2001.

Over the past few years, GCSU has been one of the best programs in the Southeast, earning four trips to the NCAA Tournament four of the last five years.

The Bobcats won the Peach Belt Conference Title in 2008 and have advanced to the Division II College World Series twice.

However, the Bobcats will be returning all but three players from last year's squad, including a pair of All-Conference players in junior first baseman Haley Burnett and senior outfielder Belourse Jean-Francais.

"We're looking to re-emphasize what the goals and expectations of the program are," Madewell-Grodecki said. "We fell a little bit short of that last year, but obviously it was a very young team that had to grow up quickly."

"We only lost three players," she added. "I feel like the girls coming back to the team have been a part of the program for a while and will provide us with solid leadership. Hopefully that will lead to more success."

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